



## ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PREVENT PREPARE PERFORM

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### Projects to Make Your Home Safer 3 of 3: Exterior Wildfire Safety

#### General Considerations

- ❑ Addresses must be visible from the road day or night.
- ❑ Remove combustible and materials from crawl spaces, porches and underneath elevated decks/porches. Do not use areas under decks/porches for storage of combustibles.
- ❑ Remove dead vegetation and debris from decks, porches between deck board joints.
- ❑ Remove debris that accumulates at roof-to-wall intersections and in gutters. Have a spark arrestor placed atop chimneys.
- ❑ Remove combustible mulches and replace with concrete, stone or gravel. Remove trees and shrubs within 5 feet of your home.
- ❑ Keep lawns and native grasses watered and mowed to a height of 4 inches.

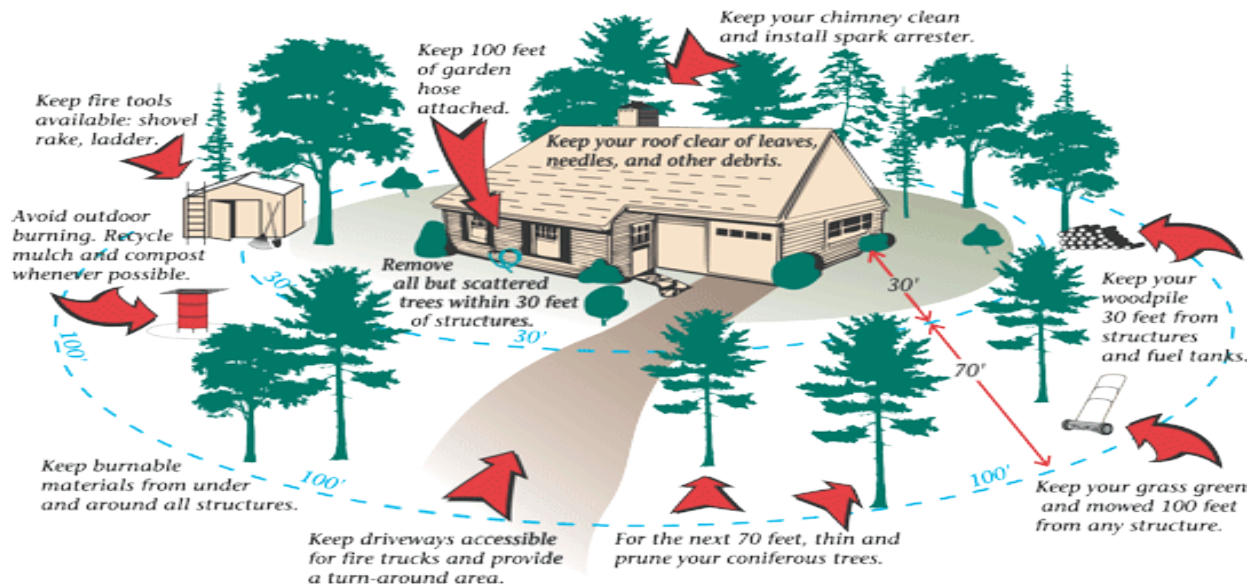


#### Horizontal Pruning of Trees

- ❑ Ensure branches are a minimum of 5 feet from any outside wall, a minimum of 10 feet from any chimney and don't overhang roofs.

#### Vertical Pruning of Trees

- ❑ Mature/Tall Trees: Must prune branches between 6 and 10 feet.
- ❑ Short Trees: Must prune lower branches from the ground up but do not exceed 1/3 of the tree's overall height.
- ❑ Keep shrubs must be kept a minimum of 10 feet away from the lower edge of tree branches; remove grasses and other vegetation growing underneath tree limbs.



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