

Examples of Firewise In Kind Projects For Individual Homeowners within Malvern HOA

Landscaping Firewise

- Remove algae from roof
- Cleaning gutters & eaves
- Sweep porches & decks – clearing them of leaves & pine needles. Rake under decks, porches, sheds & play structures. Make sure you dispose of debris.
- Raking pine needles & dry leaves within a minimum of 3 to 5 feet of a home's foundation. Dispose of debris in appropriate trash receptacles.
- Pulling brush
- Weeding flower/vegetable beds
- Mowing yard to a height of four inches or less.
- Bush hogging yard/lot

- Trimming branches from trees/bushes. On mature trees, use hand pruners & loppers to remove low-hanging tree branches up to a height of 4 feet from the ground (specific height depends on the type & size of tree).
- Clearing dead wood & dense vegetation
- Chipping wood
- Hauling vegetation/branches to landfill

Burning vegetation/branches is the less preferred method of removal.

- Landscaper contracted to do similar work listed above – provide dates & amounts on your logs

- Move wood piles to at least 30' away from all structures

- Remove items stored under decks and porches and relocate it to a storage shed, garage, or basement. Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.

Construction Upgrades

Replace single pane windows with double pane windows
Upgrade wooden roof to asbestos/metal/steel
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Upgrade a wooden deck to a composite deck
Upgrade a wooden fence to a composite fence
Upgrade vinyl siding to a more noncombustible siding
Install chimney caps on your chimney
Install rain guards on gutters



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Family/Community Firewise Projects

- Distribute wildfire safety information to neighbors, or staff a table at a grocery or hardware store (other high-traffic locations work too) and distribute free Firewise and emergency preparedness [materials that can be ordered from the Firewise catalog](#) or from [READY.gov](#).
- Visit the [Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association site](#), and download free home inventory software. Work together as a family to videotape and take photos of your possessions – that way you'll have the insurance documentation needed to replace belongings.
- Develop and practice a [home evacuation plan](#).
- Create a [Family Communication Plan](#) (available in both English and Spanish).
- Build or update a [72-hour kit](#).
- Contact your local Office of Emergency Management and ask if your jurisdiction requires individuals to register cell phones to receive emergency notifications on mobile devices.
- Can you see your home's address number from the street? If not, trim overgrown vegetation covering or blocking the numbers. Contact Firewise coordinator if you do not have a green reflective home number sign.
- Help an elderly relative or neighbor enter emergency numbers and the names of close relatives into their cell phones; and in large font post their phone number and street address above their landline so it can easily be seen when providing information to an emergency dispatcher.
- As a family – locate two alternate routes out of your neighborhood (besides the one normally used); and plan and practice an evacuation drill using those secondary routes.
- Teens that babysit outside the home need to schedule a conversation with the parents of the kids they're responsible for and learn their emergency plan and what they should do if a wildfire starts, or an evacuation issued, while in that leadership role.
- Work with neighbors to develop a phone tree that can be used to alert everyone about a fire or evacuation.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire screening no larger than 1/8" mesh to help keep embers out during a fire.
- Take a walk through your garden and see which types of Firewise plants work best in your landscaping. Get a list of Firewise plants.
- During an evacuation pets have special needs too – [build an emergency kit for your animals](#).
- Hold a garage sale and donate the proceeds to your local fire department's wildland fire team.