

## 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.