

For information Contact:

FireSmart™
Kootenai County
(208) 446-1775

Additional Resources:

**University of Idaho Kootenai
County Extension Office**
(208) 446-1680
www.cnr.uidaho.edu/extforest

Idaho Department of Lands
(208) 769-1577
www.keepidahogreen.org

Idaho FireWise
www.idahofirewise.org



**Before you burn, please contact
the DEQ Air Quality Hotline at
1 (800) 633-6247 or call your
local fire district for more
information**



www.firesmart.kcgov.us

Kootenai County
Office of Emergency Management
P.O. Box 9000
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-9000



FireSmart™ Zone



Create It
Maintain
It



Create it, Maintain It!

Participants who contract with the FireSmart™ program agree to maintain the area where hazardous fuels treatment was completed for a period of 10 years.

Maintaining the work is significantly less strenuous than the initial treatment, and when done on a regular basis will become easier each time.

Property owners with questions regarding maintenance requirements and methods may contact FireSmart™, Kootenai County OEM, University of Idaho Kootenai County Extension Office, or Idaho Department of Lands.



Before



After



Proper tree pruning

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Fuel hazard from vegetation can be reduced by cutting plants off at the base. Repeated trimming is usually necessary, mid-summer is the best time for this treatment.

Brush Control

Brush can be controlled mechanically, chemically, by mulching, grazing or application of prescribed fire. For the average homeowner, mechanically cutting the brush, or cutting then treating with an herbicide is often the most effective in terms of time and cost efficiency.

Remember - whichever tools you use to control brush - take proper safety precautions (e.g. protective eyewear, hearing protection, leather boots, gloves, chaps for chainsaw use, etc.)

The UI Extension publication: "Protecting and Landscaping Homes in the Wildland Urban Interface" is available on line:
<http://www.cnr.uidaho.edu/extforest/FireProtectBro.pdf>

Maintenance Tips

- 🌲 Water and mow your lawn regularly.
- 🌲 Choose "fire-resistive" plants and landscape materials.
- 🌲 Keep a space at least 30-100 feet from your home free of brush.
- 🌲 Prune tree limbs up to 10 feet or one third the tree height.
- 🌲 Thin/remove saplings and trees to maintain 10 feet between crowns.
- 🌲 Dispose of slash (materials smaller than 3 inches diameter) by piling and burning, or chipping.



- 🌲 Clean needles and leaves from gutters, roof and inside corners of house.
- 🌲 Check that your address is visible for fire services
- 🌲 Screen chimneys and under porch or deck.
- 🌲 Locate firewood away from structures.
- 🌲 Identify and control noxious weeds.