

REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



Dear upper Kittitas County residents and stakeholders,

Upper Kittitas County has experienced increased wildfire activity over the past five years and we expect that trend to continue. This communication is intended to raise awareness of the threat wildfire (especially ember showers) poses to the communities of upper Kittitas County and what you can do to help protect our community and your family. This guide is focused on the architecture, street grid, and historic character of our older communities.

A note on ember showers: Ember showers are generated from large fires and can travel for two miles. Embers that land in fuel sources like overgrown vegetation, brown leafy debris, wood piles, and junk cause 80% of property losses in wildfires. Ember started fires are very difficult to control, especially when there are several. Please – eliminate fuels near your home. Ongoing pruning and clearing of debris in Fall and early Spring are most effective, so we will work to remind you often!

We hope you find the information helpful and that you will work to protect our community by implementing the recommendations. Roslyn Fire will continue our work to harden and prepare the city

Sincerely,

Tony Craven

Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Decades of research have shown that both the house and the landscape adjacent to it play a critical role in surviving a wildfire. A wildfire can transfer from ignited vegetation or an ignited home through:



RADIATION



CONVECTION



EMBERS

80% of homes lost in wildfires are caused by embers.



An ember can enter and ignite your house through open windows, doors and porches. Anywhere snow gets inside your house, so can dangerous embers.

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Emergency Alerts**

A mass notification service alerts you potential safety hazard or concerns, including wildfire evacuations.



WHERE TO START?

When planning wildfire risk reduction reductions, start with the house itself. Then move into the landscaping section of the **Immediate Zone**. Once both have been completed, move into the **Intermediate** and **Extended Zones** around your home.



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