

FAQ

Cold Creek Canyon

Firewise USA[®]

1. What are some common causes of fires in Cold Creek Canyon? Answer: #1 & #2 occur within 0 to 5 ft.

#1 Cigarette smoking (0 to 5 ft, hay+siding, deck)

#2 Kitchen fire (0 to 5 ft)

#3 Solar system fire (5 to 30 ft)

#4 Dumpster fire, Campfire, and UTV fire (100 ft+)

2. Do I have to participate in Firewise USA[®]?

a. NO.

b. You are responsible for the safety of your, your family, and your neighbors.

3. Is Firewise USA[®] another Government Agency telling us what to do with our property?

a. NO. Firewise USA[®] is a community outreach program by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) established in 1896 and is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire.

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- b. Firewise USA[®] community outreach program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters, and others in the effort to protect people and property from wildfire risks.

4. Why should I listen to Firewise USA[®] tell me what to do on my property?

- a. You don't have to.
- b. If you believe you know more and know how to practice fire safety, then please tell the rest of us what you know.

5. What can we do to protect our property and Community?

- a. Learn and practice preventative steps to protect you and your family. Firewise USA[®] can help with info.
- b. Teach Housesitters or Guests about fire dangers and how to prevent them.
- c. Designate a smoking area. Equip the area with a fire extinguisher and metal ash container.

6. I have a wood deck around my house or in Zone 0. Should I be concerned?

- a. YES. Why? Our most common fires occur in this zone.
- b. Research has shown that any combustible material within 5 ft of your home is at a high risk of catching fire from smoking, embers off roof/chimney, and landing on

deck surface.

c. What can I do about my deck? Protect Surface & Under deck.

i. Deck surface:

1. Remove debris from gaps
2. Apply a fire resistant coating to wood
3. Use fire-retardant-treated (FRT) lumber
4. Use ignition-resistant material (composite decking) 47 min vs 12 min time to ignition
5. Use non-combustible material (tile decking)

ii. Under Deck:

1. Remove combustible materials such as wood, hay, bushes, etc.
2. Screen around deck to stop accumulation or embers from entering.

7. What are some of the dangers for Zone 0? (0 to 5 ft)

- a. Storing wood under or on deck
- b. Farm animals on deck or under deck. Hay and debris can catch on fire.
- c. Wood deck surface.
- d. Storing gasoline, diesel, batteries, electrical outlets

8. If there is a wildfire outside the community, what do I do?

- a. Prepare now how to evacuate yourself, family, and animals.