

The State of Utah is currently experiencing multiple fires that are impacting communities across the state. Provo lies along the North Central portion of the Wasatch Front where we are also vulnerable to Wildfires. Do you live in an area where the Wildland Interface exists?

Wildland Interface scenarios exist throughout the Provo City. While current fires can be contributed to lightning, dry conditions and hot temperatures increase fire potential. Last year, one large fire in our county was started from a piece of machinery working in a dry field.

Fire Communities are programs to mitigate the risk and vulnerability of wildfires. Here are some helpful recommendations of action that homeowners can take to reduce their risk.

- Prune low hanging limbs to reduce ladder fuels
- Clean roofs and gutters of pine needles and dead leaves
- Keep flammable plants and mulches at least 5 feet away from your home's perimeter
- Use low-growing, well pruned and fire-resistive plants around home
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire screening no larger than 1/8-inch mesh
- Sweep decks and porches clear of fallen leaves
- Move woodpiles away from the home during non-winter months
- Bring doormats and furniture cushions inside when an area is threatened by a wildfire

Check the Firewise Website for additional information and resources:

<http://www.firewise.org/information.aspx>