



Defensible Space: Initial Projects

Properly thin and prune trees and shrubs within the defensible space (see [Colorado State Forest Service Quick Guide: Creating Wildfire-Defensible Zones](#)).

Dispose of slash from tree/shrub thinning.

Stack firewood uphill from or on the same elevation as any structures, and at least 30 feet away from structures.

Screen attic, roof, eaves and foundation vents, and periodically check them to ensure they are in good condition.

Screen or wall-in stilt foundations and decks; screens should be 1/8-inch or smaller metal mesh (1/16-inch mesh is best).

Post signs at the end of the driveway with your house number. These signs should be noncombustible, reflective and easily visible to emergency responders as they approach the house.

Make sure the driveway is adequately cleared of trees and branches for access by fire and emergency equipment