

# Fire Mitigation

Over the past few years Larimer County has been hit by a number of significant wildfires that has destroyed many homes and even has resulted in the loss of life, the High Park Fire, the Crystal Mountain Fire and the Woodland Heights Fire to name a few. Larimer County for many years has been seen as a potential area for major wildfires due to the lack of fires, overstocked forests and terrain. Over the last 30-40 years there has been a huge growth and developments in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) area. Though there are no guarantees that any actions taken by land owners prior to a wildfire will spare their properties during a wildfire, mitigation actions greatly reduce the risk to the land owner's property and your neighboring properties. Do remember that the landscape does not end at your property line. In many cases fire mitigation work will also result in a healthier forest.

Larimer County can help with the decisions that need to be made for a safer living experience in the WUI. Two publications that are put out by the Colorado State Forest Service should be in the hands of all landowner in the WUI.

Protecting Your Home from Wildfire: Creating wildfire- Defensible Zones.

[http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/Fire2012\\_1\\_DspaceQuickGuide.pdf](http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/Fire2012_1_DspaceQuickGuide.pdf)

FireWise Construction: Site Design & Building Materials

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/firewise-construction2012.pdf>