

Defend Your Home from Wildfires



It's not too early to be thinking about wildfire season. As we enter March and put the abundant rainfall of December and January behind us, it really is the perfect time to start thinking about the approaching wildfire season. While wildfires are rare on the coast, a good defensible space helps prevent an accidental ignition from spreading to neighboring property and serves as a buffer to protect your home in the face of an oncoming wildfire.

Here are a few tips to prevent fires from starting near or spreading to your home.

- Create a 10-foot defensible space around your home that is free of combustible material.
- Clean up dead or dying plants, branches, leaves and needles.
- During fire season, move wood piles at least 30 feet from the home.
- Remove flammable plants and replace with fire-resistant species.
- For trees 18 feet and taller, prune tree branches to a height of 6-10 feet above the ground to remove "ladder fuels." For trees and vegetation less than 18 feet tall, remove branches up to 1/3 the height of the tree.
- Cut grass to less than four inches.
- Keep shrubs low and away from the drip line of trees.
- Maintain driveway clearance that is free of flammable debris to allow fire engine access

For more information how to set up a defensible space around your home click on the links from our Oregon Partners.



[Oregon State Fire Marshal](#)

Defensible Space Check List



Oregon State University
Extension Service

[OSU Extension Service](#)

Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes

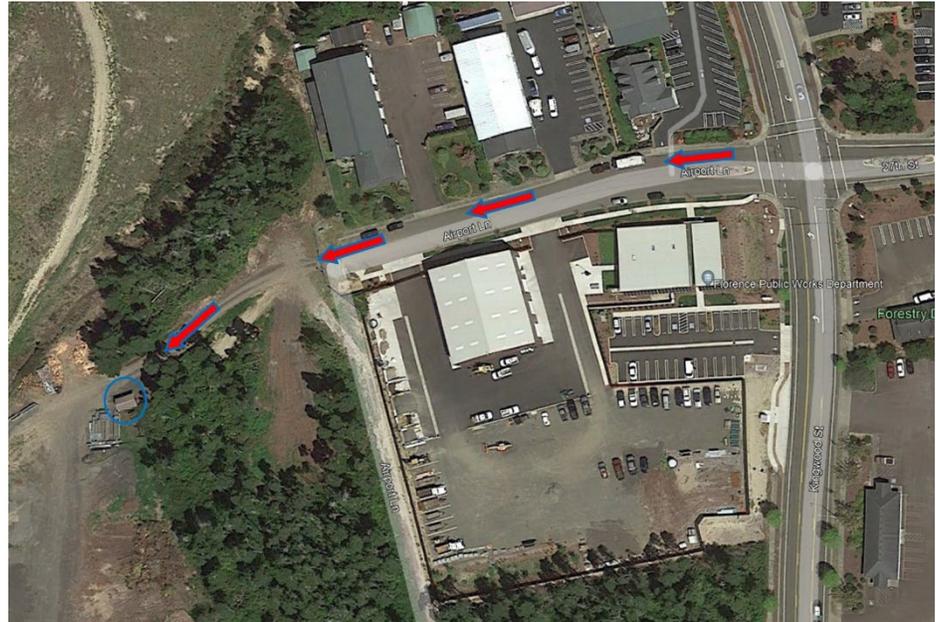
Now that you've trimmed and pruned everything back, what do you do with all of your yard debris? You can take it to Florence Public Works. Our Yard Debris program starts up again March 16th and will continue once a month on every third Saturday, except May when it is the second Saturday, from 9am to 2pm until October 21st. Yard debris drop off is located at the west end of 27th Street, behind the Public Works facility, on the airport property.

Bring your

- Tree Clippings
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Prunings
- Brush

Do Not Bring your

- Stumps
- Food
- Household waste
- Animal waste
- Plastics
- Rock/Dirt/Soil
- Hazardous waste
- Construction debris



Costs -Subject to change

- \$12.00 Standard pickup truck load or small utility trailer (single axle or less)
- \$17.00 Medium utility trailer (10—12 feet in length)
- \$22.00 Large utility trailer (12-18 feet in length)
- Over 20 cubic yards is \$22.00 plus \$6.00 for each additional cubic yard

