

WILDFIRE PREPARATION STARTS WITH YOU. TAKE THE FIRST STEP IN 2025.



ABOUT US

Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC) is a non-profit, community-based education and mitigation program for the residents and visitors of Grand County, Colorado. Our group consists of members from local, state, and federal government agencies, our local fire departments, homeowner groups, local businesses, and concerned citizens. GCWC's ultimate goal is to create a "Fire Adapted Grand County."

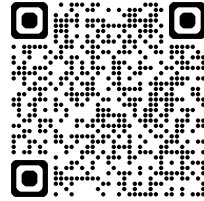
BE A PART OF OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

WE ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS! (2015-2025) SEE BELOW FOR EVENTS AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED.

2025 COMMUNITY CHIPPING DAYS ****Mark your calendar****

Chipping days offer residents a **free option** to remove slash from their property. Additional information including maps and accepted materials will be available at bewildfireready.org.

- Kremmling Fire Station: Saturday, May 17th (Kremmling Community Clean Up Day)
- Grand Fire Station #1: Saturday, June 28th
- East Grand Fire Station: Saturday, July 12th
- Bud Wilson Fire Station: Saturday, August 2nd
- Grand Lake, location TBD: Saturday, August 23rd



Community Chipping Days



Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program



WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION COST-SHARE PROGRAMS

If you are looking to hire a contractor to perform vegetation reduction mitigation on your property, check out our *Cost-Share Programs* to see if you are eligible for partial reimbursement. Grant funding is limited and program stipulations exist.

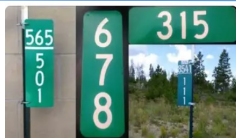
Go to bewildfireready.org to learn more today!

2025 LEARN ABOUT LIVING WITH FIRE ****Mark your calendar****

Join us for trainings this summer at Grand Fire Station #1 in Granby!

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- Preparing Your Home for Wildfire Season: Friday, June 6th
- GCWC Programs and Becoming Firewise: Friday, June 20th
- Property Insurance in the Wildland Urban Interface: Friday, July 11th
- Wildland Urban Interface: Upcoming Building Codes: Friday, August 15th



Reflective Address Signs



REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

In low-light conditions, non-reflective address signs are hard to see which may make it difficult for emergency personnel to find your home in the event of a medical emergency, fire or evacuation order. 9-1-1 reflective address signs **SAVE LIVES**. Go to bewildfireready.org to order one today!

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COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN



Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) provide recommendations intended to reduce the extreme severity or risk of wildland fire. In conjunction with our partners, we completed our CWPP in 2023.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GCWC Free Home or Community Assessment – GCWC offers free wildfire risk home and community assessments in conjunction with our fire district partners. This is a great first step in determining your wildfire risks and next actions. Sign up for a free assessment!



Become a Firewise USA® Community – If you live in an HOA, subdivision, or have near-by neighbors, consider becoming a “Firewise” community. **Firewise USA® is a national recognition program** that provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase their homes and community’s safety.

Read our GCWC Educational Wildfire Guide – Check out our ULTIMATE Wildfire Guide. It is the most comprehensive LOCAL guide to Grand County.



Volunteer with GCWC! – We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our events and programs. Check out bewildfireready.org for more information.



East Troublesome Fire in Grand County
October 21, 2020
Photo by Philip Brinkmann

TAKE THE FIRST STEP

We got the call from our neighbor: “The fire crossed highway 125.” My husband and I looked at each other and the blue sky darkening to our west. We had moved a few large items in the days before when we received the pre-evacuation notice with the help of our friends and family. I wandered from room to room looking at the piles of items I had deemed essential or sentimental, varying between panic and dismissiveness as the sky got lower and heavier and the ash began to fall.

A few hours later, we had the cars packed with our two cats, two dogs, our 3-month-old son, and whatever else we could fit. I drove up to the county road and took one last look at our home which was quickly becoming invisible through the ashy clouds. We learned a few days later that our home did not survive.

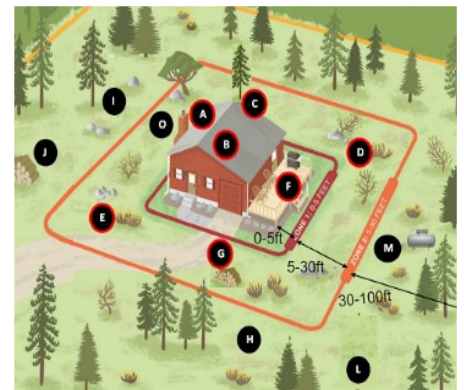


We had not taken steps to mitigate our home before the fire. Dealing with the unimaginable loss of our home, moving to seven different rentals over 24 months, rebuilding our home starting with no construction plan (and with a deadline to finish the build,)

Home Ignition Zones

battling with insurance - I never imagined how difficult this experience would be for myself and my family. I hope you can learn from my experience and begin the first steps to mitigating your home and reducing your risk in a wildfire.

We at the Grand County Wildfire Council have research-backed recommendations and programs that reduce the risk of losing your home in a wildfire. [Please visit bewildfireready.org](http://bewildfireready.org) to learn more.



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