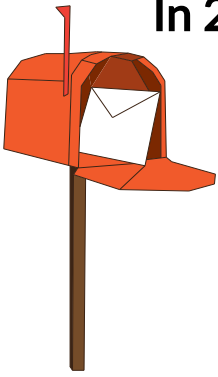


# In 2020, we mailed out 1,112 surveys on wildfire risk.



560 households responded.

That's a **50%** response rate (extremely high)!



Survey results vary by fire district (report forthcoming).

## Our mission:

Grand County Wildfire Council's (GCWC) mission is, "Through education and action, promote wildland fire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival." We are dedicated to building a Fire Adapted Community!



## Have you signed up for CodeRED?

Go to this link to sign up.

Registration is not automatic!

[bewildfireready.org/code-red/](http://bewildfireready.org/code-red/)



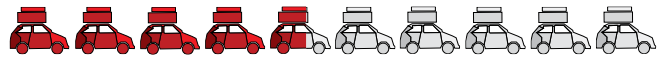
## In each community, we found a gap in evacuation planning: emergency alert sign-ups.

73% have an evacuation plan,



but only

46% have signed up for CodeRED



The Grand County Sheriff's Office uses **CodeRED** to tell you when to evacuate during a wildfire.

### Sign-up tips:

- Do not enter a landline
- Enter your address to get location-specific alerts
- Download the CodeRED app if you have a smartphone

If you have any questions, please contact us!

970-627-7121

[BeWildfireReady@gmail.com](mailto:BeWildfireReady@gmail.com)

## Now you've signed up for CodeRED, what's next?

Download the **Ready, Set, Go! Action Guide** for tips on planning, emergency supplies, and family communication:



[bewildfireready.org/ready-set-go/](http://bewildfireready.org/ready-set-go/)

### Evacuation Checklist

#### Before a wildfire:

- Evacuation kit prepared & in car (May - November; pg. 10 of the action guide)
- Everyone in the house knows how to contact each other during an emergency
- Out-of-town emergency contact chosen
- Important documents photographed and safely stored
- Annual insurance coverage review done

#### During a wildfire:

- Stay aware of the latest news/updates
- Pack valuables in car
- Close all windows/doors and leave out ladder and hoses for firefighters
- Leave as early as possible!

### Or contact your local fire department:

East Grand Fire

(Fraser/WP):

970-726-5284

Grand Lake Fire:

970-627-8428

Grand Fire (Granby):

970-887-3380

Hot Sulphur

Springs/Parshall Fire:

970-725-3414

Kremmling Fire:

970-724-3795

When you evacuate, leave your home in fighting shape



## How safe is your house?

80% of respondents said they want information on how to reduce wildfire risk on their property.

### Check off the mitigation actions as you accomplish them this month:

- Moved wood piles 30 feet from the home
- Mowed weeds/grasses to a height of 4 inches or less, in a 30-foot radius around all structures
- Created a fuel-free boundary immediately surrounding the home and any other structures (about 5 feet). Often this simply means pulling weeds or raking pine needles away, to get down to bare mineral soil. Fill with rocks or other non-combustibles.
- Cleaned gutters of flammable debris
- Removed debris from under decks
- Removed miscellaneous combustibles from around the home (e.g., leftover construction materials)
- Maintained paint/stain on wood decks and wood sided homes
- Made a schedule for when to repeat these tasks
- Set up a home ignition zone assessment with your local fire department for a personalized to-do list
- Talked with neighbors about wildfire mitigation activities

## Have you talked to your neighbors about wildfire mitigation yet?

Folks who talk to their neighbors about wildfire are more likely to take mitigation action, according to the survey. That means your voice matters!

Your risk is connected to your neighbor's—if their house catches on fire, it's more likely yours will. Work with your neighbors to reduce risk!

## Solutions to top mitigation barriers reported on the survey



### It's physically difficult

You can hire a contractor to do the work for you. Check out our list of contractors, under "Tree Contractors List" (link below).



### Unaware of vegetation removal options

**FREE Community Chipping Days** You trim the limbs & trees and bring the slash to us for chipping. Five locations and dates throughout Grand County TBD. 10am – 3pm

### It takes time

Community Chipping Days can save time. Your local fire department can also make you a personalized to-do list so that you can plan it all out.



### It's expensive

Check out our Cost Share Reimbursement Program for hazardous fuels reduction projects (link below).



### Don't know how to reduce wildfire risk?

Call your local fire department for a free site visit on your property (contact info on front page). They will go in-depth, marking specific trees for removal, recommending actions for the home itself, etc.



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