



2023: THE YEAR TO ACT

DON'T WAIT. MITIGATE.

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.



Community Chipping Days



Fuels Reduction Cost-Share



Reflective Address Signs



Wildfire Education

OUR MISSION

Through collaboration, education and action, **engage in wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival.**

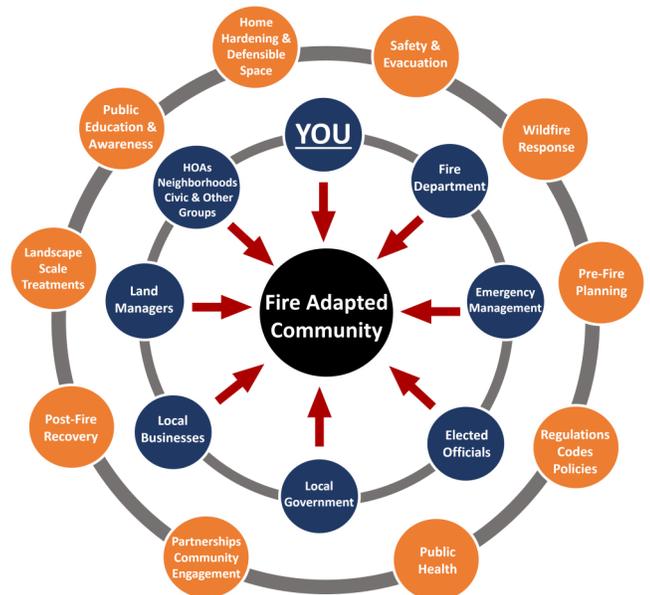
NEED FOR FIRE ADAPTATION

There are many levels of wildfire awareness and safety, starting at the individual parcel level, then the subdivision, up to the town, county, and beyond.

GCWC's ultimate goal is to create a "Fire Adapted Grand County".

The East Troublesome Fire of 2020 burned almost 200,000 acres of in Grand County. With more than 800,000 acres left unburned, **we need to make the pledge to engage with wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation and survival.**

The GCWC is the lead local agency working to create a more fire adapted Grand County – a community of prepared and informed citizens, collaboratively planning and taking action to safely coexist with wildland fire. **We must create a fire culture that allows fire to play more of its natural role while protecting people and assets from the damage it can do.**



GCWC's Newest Educational Guide

WILDFIRE Prevention, Preparedness & Survival

The **ULTIMATE** Guide for Wildfire Mitigation and Survival in Grand County, CO



Read our guide today by scanning the first QR code to the right.



GRAND COUNTY

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN



Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) provide recommendations intended to reduce the extreme severity or risk of wildland fire.

Comment on the Draft Plan by checking out the QR Code below.



WHAT CAN YOU Do?

Grand County Wildfire Council has several resources to help you, a landowner in Grand County, become more fire adapted and better prepared for the next wildfire.

1) Read our Wildfire Guide – Check out our new **ULTIMATE** Wildfire Guide. It is the most comprehensive guide we have and is **LOCAL** to Grand County.



2) Perform a Home Self-Assessment – GCWC has created a new online Defensible Space and Home Ignition Zone **SELF-ASSESSMENT**. This is a great first step in determining your home's wildfire risks and next actions. If you need more guidance beyond the self-assessment, our local fire district personnel can provide in-person assessments.



3) Become a Firewise USA Community – If you live in an HOA, subdivision, or have nearby 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 the ignition resistance of their homes and community.



4) Attend our Community Chipping Days – Each summer, GCWC hosts several *Community Chipping Days* throughout the county. These chipping days provide residents a free option to remove slash from their property. Dates for summer of 2023 will be posted on our website once finalized.



5) Seek reimbursement through our Cost-Share Programs – If you have hired a contractor to perform defensible space and fuels reduction mitigation on your property, check out our *Fuel Reduction Cost-Share Programs* to see if you are eligible for partial reimbursement. Grant funding is limited and program stipulations exist.



Becoming more fire adapted is that simple! The benefits include:

-  Peace of mind knowing that your home is better prepared to survive a wildfire.
-  Defensible space that reduces fire from advancing and endangering lives and homes.
-  Improved property values while reducing risk of loss.
-  Better neighbor relations, human connection and community interactions.

GRAND COUNTY WILDFIRE COUNCIL

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