

# 2024: 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. GCWC's ultimate goal is to create a "Fire Adapted Grand County."

## WHAT CAN YOU Do?

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

### 2024 COMMUNITY CHIPPING DAYS **\*\*Mark your calendar\*\***

Chipping days offer residents a free option to remove slash from their property. Additional information including maps will be available at [bewildfireready.org](http://bewildfireready.org).

- Kremmling: Saturday, June 22nd
- East Grand Fire Station: Saturday, July 13th
- Granby Fire Station: Saturday, July 27th
- Bud Wilson Fire Station: Saturday, August 10th



Community Chipping Days

### FUELS REDUCTION COST-SHARE PROGRAM

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



Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Program

### REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS

In low-light conditions, such as at night or smoky conditions, non-reflective address signs are hard to see. Consequently, it may be 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](http://bewildfireready.org) to order one today!



Reflective Address Signs

GRAND COUNTY

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

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

**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.

**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 their homes and community.



## WILDFIRE Prevention, Preparedness & Survival

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



## TAKE THE FIRST STEP

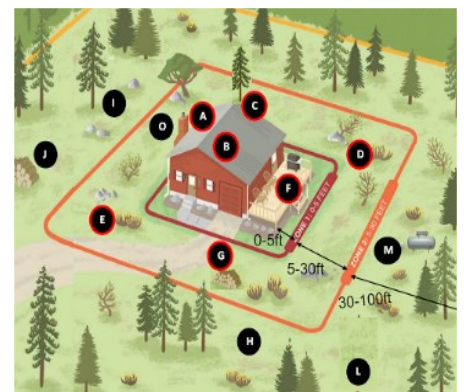
We got the call from our neighbor: "The fire crossed highway 125." My husband and I looked at each other and the blue sky darkening to our west. We had moved a few large items in the days before when we received the pre-evacuation notice with the help of our friends and family. I wandered from room to 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 cost share 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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