



Do a DIY Wildfire Home Risk Assessment

Every year, hundreds of residents ask WFPD what to tackle around their homes. The WFPD Fire Prevention Division provides a FREE assessment service for residents.

Call WFPD at **650-851-1594** to schedule a walkthrough of your property.

You can also use WFPD's [Home Assessment Guide](#) to assess your property yourself (DIY). After you've studied the guide, gauge your home's preparedness on the WFPD [Risk Assessment scoresheet](#). As shown at the right, your score reflects your home's defensibility.

Since 2000, Colorado Springs has maintained a program to evaluate every home and track wildfire mitigation progress. See their map [here](#) and zoom in to see the risk ratings.

In the never-ending fire season, the best time to tackle home hardening and defensible space is **now**. You can show wildfire leadership with your own home, but get your neighbors interested in what you are doing. How do we activate residents to prepare all homes against wildfire?

The next [Wildfire Preparedness Committee](#) meeting is Tuesday Mar-1-2022 @ 4:00 PM.

SCORING: During a wildfire, firefighters are better able to protect homes that have low scores. Firefighters may not be able to protect homes that have higher scores
0: Your home has the greatest potential for survivability during a hostile wildfire.
5-20: Your home has been identified as a low risk . Recommendations indicated on this checklist should be addressed to increase the survivability of your home during a hostile wildfire.
25-40: Your home has been identified as a moderate risk . Survivability of your home will be an issue during a hostile wildfire. Recommendations indicated on this checklist should be completed.
45 and above: Your home has been identified as a high risk . The survivability of your home is low. Your home may be in extreme danger during a hostile wildfire. Recommendations indicated on this checklist are strongly encouraged to be completed.

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