



## Wildfire Threat and Fire Mitigation Efforts


Nobody has to tell you that Summit Park exists in a heavily forested environment. It absolutely adds to its charm and is one of many reasons that attracts people to our community. As much as it is beautiful, it does not come without risk – the risk of wildfire. Over the years, Summit Park Homeowners Association has been very active in taking numerous steps to reduce the potential threat of wildfire that could adversely impact our community. Along with taking full advantage of a number of significant government grants that have been used to reduce the threat of wildfires in and around our community (amounting to several hundreds of thousands of dollars), the Association also has in place various programs that may be used to defray costs associated with reducing potential fuel sources on properties. Please visit the Summit Park community website at <https://SummitParkUtah.net> for additional details on the various fire-reduction programs that you may qualify for, including FireWise grants, the tree bounty financial assistance program, and wood chipping.

### Summit Park is a Firewise USA® Community!


Summit Park is certified under the prestigious National Firewise USA® program by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). It is one of only eight Firewise-certified communities in all of Summit County. As part of the Firewise USA® program, communities must annually demonstrate that they have taken meaningful actions to reduce the threat of wildfires. The Firewise USA® program provides landowners and residents with the information needed to take actions necessary to prevent potential losses in the event of a wildfire. For additional information about the Firewise USA® program, please visit <https://NFPA.org/Public-Education/Fire-Causes-and-Risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>.



<p><b>■ VEGETATION MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><b>1. HOME IGNITION ZONES</b> To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the <b>Immediate Zone</b>: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the <b>Intermediate Zone</b> (5 to 30 feet), and the <b>Extended Zone</b> (30 to 100 feet).</p> <p><b>2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE</b> To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the <b>Immediate Zone</b> (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.</p> <p><b>■ FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <p><b>3. ROOFING AND VENTS</b> Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.</p> <p><b>4. DECKS AND PORCHES</b> Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.</p> <p><b>5. SIDING AND WINDOWS</b> Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows.</p>	<p><b>■ BE PREPARED</b></p> <p><b>6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS</b> Ensure your home and neighborhood have legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet for emergency vehicle access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Develop, discuss, and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for handling pets, large animals, and livestock.</li> <li>■ Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a predesignated meeting place.</li> <li>■ Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay—don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.</li> <li>■ Conduct an annual insurance policy checkup to adjust for local building costs, codes, and new renovations.</li> <li>■ Create or update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.</li> </ul>
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**TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK WHERE YOU LIVE.**



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