

# Community wildfire protection



*Do your part to get FireSmart! Spring cleanup is the best time to gather branches and other vegetation that can increase the wildfire hazard in your yard.*

## Yard waste drop-off locations for free disposal:

-  **Saturday, May 28:**  
Middle Springs Drive by the Entrance to Sulphur Court
-  **Sunday May 29:**  
Beaver Street parking lot

Branches, stems and yard debris can be disposed of free of charge at these collection locations during Wildfire Hazards Cleanup Weekend.

### To participate, please ensure:

- **VEGETATION ONLY** – no building materials or yard/garage/basement garbage
- No stems thicker than 10 cm (4 inches)
- No pieces longer than 2 metres (6 feet)
- Yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) must be bagged.

Please do not leave yard debris on your street or sidewalk, or beside neighbourhood bins.

## Join Banff's Wildfire Hazards Cleanup Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 & 29

Banff's FireSmart Program wants all Banff property owners to participate in a vegetation and yard debris cleanup weekend. Homeowners are encouraged to spend a few hours in their yards reducing the accumulation of deadfall and debris that contribute to wildfire spread when the risk of fire danger climbs in the summer.

Residents can bring their wildfire hazard vegetation to one of the two specially designated dumpsters for disposal.

See reverse for information on how to do your wildfire hazard cleanup and visit the online information at: [Banff.ca/FireSmart](http://Banff.ca/FireSmart)

Download a free copy of the FireSmart Homeowner's Manual and Homeowners Assessment at: [firesmart.ca](http://firesmart.ca)



# How to do wildfire hazard cleanup

Banff properties near the forested edge of town face the greatest wildfire risk, but embers from wildfires can land further inside town and ignite fires in vegetation and accumulated debris, which can spread to your house. Follow these FireSmart rules to reduce the hazard on your property.

**Remember: Tree removal and cutting requires a permit.**  
Contact the Town first at 403.762.1215 or [banff.ca/applications](http://banff.ca/applications)

**FIRESMART RULES OF THUMB**

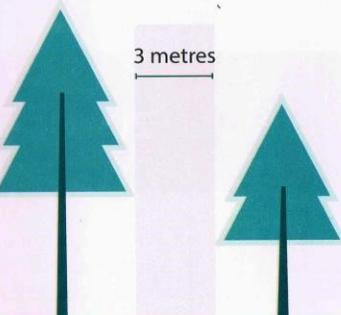
**1 YARD SPACING**

Changes within 10 metres of your home, including the removal of combustible surface material, will have the biggest impact.



**2 TREE SPACING**

Spacing trees at least 3 metres apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



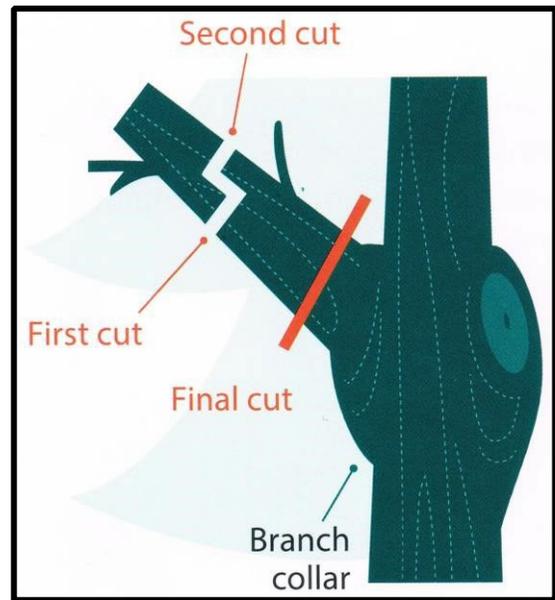
**3 PRUNE TREES**

Prune all tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.



A surface fire can climb up into trees quickly. On coniferous trees, remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground, within 30 metres of your home.

Prune branches close to the tree trunk but not so close that you damage the main trunk and bark of the tree. Never remove more than one-third of the canopy of the tree.



**Coniferous trees** (evergreens with cones and needles) are highly flammable and should not be within 10 metres of your home. Cedar hedges and juniper bushes are especially flammable.

**Deciduous trees** (leafy) are resistant to wildfire and are a good FireSmart choice for planting within 10 metres of your home.

