

RIDGEWOOD FIREWISE MITIGATION CHECK-LIST

(With Time and Expense Investment Examples)

Home Projects that Reduce Wildfire Risk and Increase Preparedness:

- ✓ Please Check one or more of the following ten (10) Items indicating that you have completed the Suggested Projects listed, and how much time was spent on each project **this year**:
 - **Reduce the amount of flammable vegetation** in the “**3 Home Ignition Zones**”- **Immediate Zone**: 0-5 feet / **Intermediate Zone**: 5-30 feet / **Extended Zone**: 30-100 feet. Time Spent: _____
 - **Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves** within a minimum of 3’ to 5’ from a home’s foundation. Time Spent:_____
 - **Remove trees and / or clumps of trees** leaving minimum of 18 feet between tree tops. Time Spent: _____
 - **Limit shrubs** to a minimum of 10 feet away from lower tree branches. Time Spent:_____
 - **Prune lower tree branches** up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Time Spent:_____
 - **Remove all flammable materials** from under decks and porches. Time Spent:_____
 - **Remove debris from the roof and the gutters** as needed. Time Spent:_____
 - **Examine structures** for locations where embers could accumulate and apply screening / caulking to prevent ember penetration. Time Spent:_____
 - **Move wood piles** to at least 30 feet away from structures. Time Spent:_____
 - **Ensure driveways** are at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet. Time Spent:_____

Total Hours Spent on all above Projects: _____

- ✓ Please Check one or more of the following nineteen (19) Items indicating that you have Invested in the Suggested Projects Listed, and How Much your Total Investment Expenses were:

Expense Investment (Examples) to reduce impact from heat and embers:

- Cost of new Class A roof: composite shingles, metal, cement tile & clay. Expense: _____
- Cost for ignition-resistant exterior siding improvements: brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco. Expense:_____
- Cost of non-combustible deck boards (metal and fiber cement) or a solid light weight concrete. Expense:_____
- Cost to increase space between deck boards from 1/8 inch to ¼ inch. Expense:_____
- Costs to install dual-pane tempered glass windows. Expense:_____
- Costs to create fuel breaks with driveways, walkways/paths, patios and decks. Expense:_____
- Costs for hardscaping materials: concrete, stone or gravel. Expense:_____
- Cost for mesh screening added to attic and crawl space vents. Expense:_____
- Cost to replace wood fencing attached to siding. Expense:_____
- Cost for tree removal, separation/spacing expenses. Expense:_____

- Cost for chipper/Power Equipment rental/purchases, fuel, oil and repair costs and maintenance. Expense:_____
- Cost to replace flammable mulch materials with stone/gravel. Expense:_____
- Costs to replace flammable plant species with fire-resistant options. Expense:_____
- Cost for ground litter and debris disposal/hauling fees. Expense:_____
- Mileage cost @ the current IRS rate for attendance at wildfire related meetings, dropping off slash, securing rental equipment, etc. Expense:_____
- Cost for tool purchase/rental (Loppers, pole saws, weed trimmers, rakes, etc. Expense:_____
- Cost for spark arrestor / installation costs. Expense:_____

Collaboration with Forestry, Fire and Related Experts

- Consultation with forestry / fire professionals on areas at risk. Expense:_____
- Coordinated arborist, landscaping, etc. estimates for vegetation maintenance. Expense:_____

Total Expense Investment on all Projects: _____

For additional examples: see www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA

Time Investment:

The Minimum Time Investment Required To Reduce Wild Fire Risks and Increase Preparedness Is One (1) Hour Per Person Per Household Per Year.

Accordingly, I (we) hereby certify that I (we) have completed my (our) share of the Home Mitigation Project in accordance with the above suggested Guidelines.

Date

Signature (must be 18 years or older)