



## Neighborhood Fire Safety Tips

### Past Major Fires

August 26, 1996 The FOOTHILLS FIRE, aka The 8<sup>th</sup> Street Fire - 15,000 acres  
June 30, 1987 Rocky Canyon Arson Fire - destroyed 1 Promontory Road home,  
damaged 2 more residences and burned up a city fire truck  
+ Numerous Small Fires – often extinguished by neighbors

### What Have We Learned –Take Aways

**YOU are the first line of defense** – homeowner knowledge & preparation:

- have good firebreaks
- re-do your firebreak as conditions change, or the brush re-grows
- vegetation management – adopt Firewise home suggestions from Boise Heights N.A. & from the Boise Fire Department

Neighbors make their homes as safe as possible by evaluating risk and acting on it. Yet not every risk can be minimized/mitigated. Do your best.

**Nearly all fires in our neighborhood and in Boise's wildland-urban interface are human-caused:** carelessness (charcoal dumped on soil after barbecuing), arson, equipment failure – power lines and transformers; youthful or adult indiscretions; risky actions during windy or extreme high heat conditions. Many incidents, many causes.

### Neighborliness:

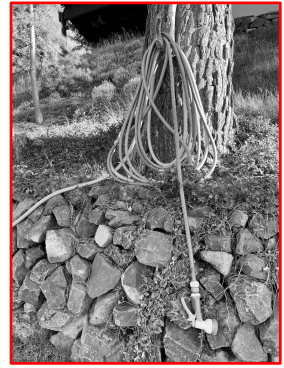
**We make our neighbors safe as well as ourselves!**

- Update phone lists – know your neighbors.
- Don't put your neighbors at risk by failing to prune overhanging & encroaching vegetation. *Do remove conifer needles* around house and on roofs. Get rid of dead trees and dead tree branches.



## Essential Tools - Every Home

**Shovels!** -- accessible outside  
**Extra Hoses** with Sprayers or Fire Nozzles  
If you have a pool, consider a **gas-powered pump**.



## Sign Up for a free Wildfire Home Safety Evaluation

<https://www.adafireadapted.org/homeowner/neighborhood-chipping-program/>

### Brush Up!

Let's Clean Up fire-prone vegetation: watch for annual Chipper events & have your brush out at the curb. To participate, you must have the wildfire safety evaluation done on your exterior property (above).

*More Resources*

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**Cell Phone Alerting App** – recommended by the Boise Fire Dept (BFD)  
Battalion Chiefs

### **CodeRED Mobile Alert**

*This is a free app and just requires you to register and set preferences, Be sure you select: "always allow" location service so that even if you don't have this phone application open, you can receive alerts. Note, the local alerts pushed out by BFD chiefs through the dispatch center are:*

*Level 1 – Notification*

*Level 2 – Pre-evacuation Notice*

*Level 3 – Evacuation*