



Fuel Treatment Information

Sea to Sky Natural Resource District Project—D’Arcy (SLRD) Wildfire Risk Reduction Unit

Dates: November 2024 to March 2025

Agency Responsible:
Ministry of Forests

An operational fuel treatment involving a thin-from-below approach will be undertaken in various treatment units amounting to a 22.2 hectare area, located south of the community of D’Arcy, adjacent to Devine. This area is recognized as a priority wildfire risk reduction area by the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District. The treatment area is a continuation of work started in the winter of 2022/2023.

Thinning from below and removing excess fuel will reduce wildfire occurrence, severity and spread, prevent wildfire from spreading into the tops of trees, and permit better access for crews responding to wildfire in this area. This treatment will also reduce the risk of ignition adjacent to the egress/access of Portage road and the community of Devine as a whole.

A shaded fuel break will be developed as part of this project to reduce the risk of wildfire and improve forest resilience. The fuel break will provide an area that will reduce flame lengths and the rate of spread of wildfires approaching the community and the road. During the development of this fuel break, some dense small stemmed trees will be removed to reduce the overall fuel load in the forest, while retaining enough canopy to shade the ground and prevent future understory overgrowth.

Workers will remove heavy undergrowth and prune lower branches on retained trees up to 3 metres and widen spacing between the trees. Remaining material will be piled in piles no larger than 2 meters tall and 3 meters wide, in locations that will not result in an increased fire risk. These piles will be burnt during times of appropriate venting windows to limit the impact of smoke in the area. Traffic control may be required for short durations in the specific area where danger trees may need to be felled.

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For more information visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/funding-for-wildfire-prevention/crip/wrr>



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BE PREPARED: REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE

Whether you are a homeowner, an active member of your community or participate in local government, there are things you can do today to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire in your area. The FireSmart program is designed to help reduce the risk of wildfire near your home and neighbourhood — providing a better opportunity for firefighters to defend your home in an emergency wildfire situation.

Visit www.FireSmartBC.ca to:

1. Take the free online, **FireSmart 101 course**.
2. Assess your risk from wildfire using the **FireSmart Home Assessment** and the **Wildfire Exposure Assessment**.
3. Download the **FireSmart Homeowners Manual**.
4. Learn about the **FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program**
5. Download **educational resources**.
6. Sign up for the **FireSmart BC newsletter**.



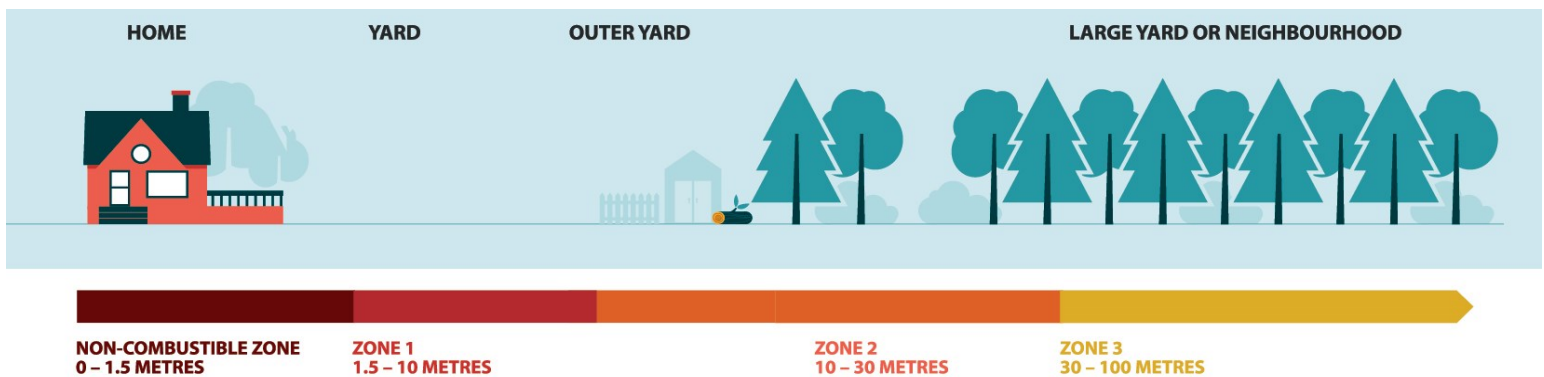
Make your home more resilient to wildfires is by applying the following FireSmart principles:

NON-COMBUSTIBLE ZONE: The non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments, such as decks.

ZONE 1: This should be a fire-resistant zone. Eliminate debris from areas where embers and firebrands are likely to collect; on the roof, on and below decks or stairs, at the base of exterior walls, in gutters and vents, in woodpiles.

ZONE 2: Thin and prune evergreen trees to reduce hazard in this area. Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass and needles from on the ground to eliminate potential surface fuels.

ZONE 3: Look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other potentially flammable vegetation. Thinning and pruning is effective here as well. These actions will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



YOUR BEST PROTECTION IS PREVENTION AND YOUR BEST TOOL IS THE FIRESMART PROGRAM.

