



FireSmart™ Mission

To increase awareness of wildfire in the wildland urban interface. To help homeowners learn about the potential risk of wildland fire, and how to protect their homes by creating a defensible space.

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Kootenai County Local
Emergency Planning
Committee

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FIRESMART™ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is FireSmart™ and what is its purpose?

FireSmart™ Kootenai County is a proactive program of the Kootenai County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Funded in part by the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Department of Lands, using National Fire Plan funding. Its purpose is to:

1. Increase awareness of the risk of wildfire in the local wildland urban interface areas
2. Help homeowners learn how to protect their homes / businesses by creating a *defensible space* (see pictures below) and also help them learn the things they can do—in addition to fuel reduction—to protect their homes from wildfires.

How do I know if my property qualifies?

Homes and businesses within the forested wildland urban interface qualify, if they are at risk to wildfire.

The *before* photo on top shows the home (barely visible) surrounded by dense fuel. The *after* photo—taken from the same spot—shows how the brush was cleared to leave a safe park-like setting around the home.



What do I have to do to participate in the program?

Call the FireSmart™ office (772-6704) and ask for a Request To Participate form or go online to www.plrcd.org/NOFIRE/ or use the one on the back of this paper. After this form has been completed and returned to our Office, you will be placed on a waiting list. As of 7/15/08 we no longer have funding to do the work free for you. We will though be glad to set an appointment to visit your home and develop a fuel reduction work plan. During the visit we will evaluate your property and make recommendations on what can be done to create a defensible space around your home. Most likely this will include both things you can do yourself—such as cleaning pine needles from rain gutters and placing screens around low decks—and a plan developed specifically for your site to reduce dangerous fuels within approximately 100 feet of your home.



Summary

We have presently exhausted our funding to do this work free for you.

Please do respond with the Request to Participate so that we can put you on a waiting list, if we get additional grant funding. Also, if you desire, ask for a site visit from the FireSmart™ project manager, Larry Isenberg. He will advise you on how you can properly create defensible space. Mr. Isenberg has over 38 years experience in forestry and fire management in North Idaho and is well known for his attention to detail and care for the land he manages.