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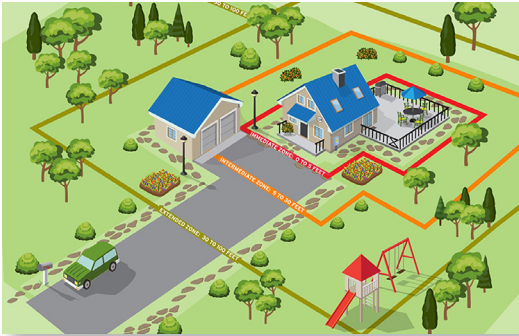


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UNDERSTANDING THE WILDFIRE THREAT

Wildfires are a natural part of the ecosystem, yet their frequency and intensity have increased due to various factors, including land use patterns and vegetation management practices. Fueled by dry conditions and wind, wildfires can spread rapidly and pose significant risks to homes and infrastructure, particularly in Utah's wildland-urban interface.



CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE

At the landscape level, creating defensible space is one of the most effective ways to protect our community from wildfires. Key actions for modifying the landscape around homes to reduce the risk of fire spreading include:

- **Clearing Vegetation:** Removing flammable plants, trees, and debris from within a certain radius around structures.
- **Practicing Firewise Landscaping:** Choosing fire-resistant plants and materials for landscaping. Check out the [State's Approved Planting List](#).
- **Maintaining Structures:** Ensuring roofs, vents, and decks are constructed and maintained to resist ember intrusion.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Beyond creating defensible space, broader wildfire mitigation strategies include:

- **Community Planning:** Collaborating with local partners, stakeholders, and agencies to develop evacuation plans and establish fire-safe zones.
- **Public Education:** Providing resources and workshops to educate residents about fire risks and preparedness.
- **Engagement in Prevention Efforts:** Supporting controlled burns, fire-resistant building codes, and other preventive measures such as fuel reduction efforts and maintaining forest health.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

Working alongside several public and private partners, Park City Municipal seeks to mitigate the wildfire risk in and around the City.

These actions include:

- Maintaining the City's Firewise certification.
- Conducting defensible space work throughout Park City.
 - [Area 1: Aerie](#)
 - [Area 2: Iron Mountain](#)
 - [Area 3: Mountain Ridge Ct.](#)
 - [Area 4: Ontario Mine Bench](#)
 - [Area 5: Rising Star](#)
 - [Area 6: Rotary Park](#)
 - [Area 7: SOS](#)
 - [Area 8: Walker Webster Tank](#)
- Conducting prescribed burns in specified areas, when conditions permit.
- Assessing City properties to identify future defensible space work.
- Hosting a full-scale evacuation exercise with residential participation, scheduled for Fall 2024.
- Co-hosting the Western Summit County Fuels Committee to collaborate and coordinate fuels reduction projects to achieve the best community protection possible.
- Finalizing the City's Forestry Plan to establish forest health, defensible space maintenance and management, and conservation of valuable ecosystems.
- Offering individual Wildland Fire Property Assessments.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Taking action in and around your residence, neighborhood, and HOA can significantly impact the community's wildfire risk. Some actions you can take include:

- Clear dead leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from gutters, decks, and under porches.
- Create [defensible space zones](#) around your home.
- [Harden your home](#) against wildfire.
- Create and test a family [evacuation plan](#).
- Create and test an emergency family [communication plan](#).
- Create family emergency toolkits for each member of the family, with enough supplies to last each person and pet for up to 100 hours.
- If applicable, engage your HOA to implement defensible space measures within its boundaries.
- If applicable, encourage your HOA to participate in the Western Summit County Fuels Committee.

Contact **J. M. McComb** for more information:

mike.mccomb@parkcity.org

PARK CITY CONTACT INFORMATION —

CALL 9-1-1 FOR LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES

STAY INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY:

- Visit [BeReadyParkCity.org](https://www.be-ready-parkcity.org) - this website will be updated regularly during an emergency
- Call 435-615-5999, community emergency hotline, to receive recorded emergency messages
- Tune your radio to KPCW, 91.7 FM, and Park City Highway Alerts Radio, 1700 AM
- Follow Park City Municipal Social Media Channels
- Sign up for emergency alerts at [ParkCityAlerts.org](https://www.parkcityalerts.org) to receive emergency notifications by phone, text, or email

Priority Contact Numbers, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

City Hall Front Desk	435-615-5001
Building Department	435-615-5100
Emergency Manager	435-615-5911
Public Works	435-615-5301
Public Utilities	435-615-5335
Public Safety Dispatch	435-615-5500
Non-Emergency (Fire, EMS, Police)	

Outside business hours, nights, weekends, holidays

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FAMILY EMERGENCY KITS —

Ensure your family or personal emergency kits are prepared and easy to access. Disasters usually strike quickly and without warning. Waiting until the last minute to plan your family's evacuation or to stock up on emergency supplies is asking for trouble, and in certain circumstances, help could take 3-7 days or even more to arrive. Be prepared; build a kit.

100-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT CONTENTS —

Contents should address the following concerns with sufficient quantities to sustain each member of your household, including pets, for at least 100 hours:

- Cash
- Clothing
- Communication
- Cooking/Food
- First Aid/ Sanitation
- Hygiene/Health
- Important Documents
- Light/Power
- Personal Items
- Safety/Security
- Shelter/Warmth
- Tools
- Transportation
- Water

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SCHEDULING A WILDLAND FIRE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FOR YOUR HOME?

WE WILL ADDRESS:

- The topography of the area around your home and how it affects the wildfire risk in your specific location.
- The particulars of your home's construction and recommended methods to harden your home against wildfire.
- Landscaping and Defensible Space concepts that can help prevent the rapid spread of wildfire on your property.
- Evaluation of the existing plantings on your property and comparison with Utah State University-approved Firewise Landscaping plantings.
- Additional resources, links, and handouts will be provided, and a customized wildfire mitigation recommendation is available upon request.

**Please contact Cherie Wellmon, PCMC Fire Marshal:
435-615-5101 or cherie.wellmon@parkcity.org**



SMOKEY BEAR TURNS 80!



ONLY WE CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES: MITIGATION TAKES A TEAM

*"Simply put, people start well over 85%
of all destructive and deadly wildland fires!"*

*With Smokey turning 80 this year, his message is a timeless
reminder that yes, indeed, the power to help protect our
communities, forests and grasslands from human-caused wildfire
resides with 'only you.'"*

U.S. Forest Service

Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/features/only-you

Smokey Bear reminds us that we all play a crucial role in community wildfire prevention and preparedness. By creating defensible space around our properties and supporting community-wide mitigation efforts, we can reduce the potentially devastating impacts of wildfires on our lives, the local economy, and the environment.

This annual update explores emergency preparedness, outlines planned defensible space work, and provides available resources in more depth. Let's work together to build a more resilient community facing this growing challenge.

Thank you for being part of the solution. We hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful. Be safe this summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. McCOMB". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

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Park City Emergency Manager