

# IMMEDIATE ZONE

0-5' from the exterior of the house

FIREWISE BEST PRACTICE	SHORELINE AREAS	CRITICAL AREAS	AQUIFER RECHARGE PROTECTION AREA	ALL OTHER AREAS
Clean roofs and gutter of dead leaves, debris, and pine needles.	●	●	●	●
Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration,	●	●	●	●
Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves, soffits, foundation, and crawlspace by installing 1/8-inch metal screening.	●	●	●	●
Remove debris that may accumulate at roof-to-wall intersections. Embers from a fireplace can exit the chimney and could ignite a wildfire; to prevent this, install a spark arrestor.	●	●	●	●
Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.	●	●	●	●
Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors—mulch, leaves and needles, firewood piles—anything that can burn. Remove anything stored underneath decks and porches.	●	●	●	●
Remove any small, flammable shrubs and plants.	●	●	●	●
Trim tree limbs that overhang from immediate zone into this area.	●	●	●	●
Use non-flammable fencing materials when attaching directly to siding. Do not add vines or other types of vegetation to fencing. Wooden fences can carry flames directly to the house.	●	●	●	●

## GO!

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## IDEALLY LEFT FOR HABITAT

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## CERTIFIED ARBORIST NEEDED

- Allowed if work is done by certified arborist.

## CAUTION! INQUIRE

- Tree removal may be allowed without a permit: In accordance with BIMC 16.18.040.B, properties located outside of the Mixed-Use Town Center and High School Road zoning districts may remove three significant trees every 36 months if the parcel is less than one acre and six significant trees every 36 months if the parcel is larger than one acre. This allowance doesn't apply if a tree of interest
  - is required to meet any other tree retention provisions (Tree units, Kitsap County Plats, etc.),
  - is located within an applicable critical area, critical area buffer, or shoreline areas,
  - and/or qualifies as a Landmark Tree in accordance with BIMC 16.3.2.
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# INTERMEDIATE ZONE

5–30' from the exterior of the house

FIREWISE BEST PRACTICE	SHORELINE AREAS	CRITICAL AREAS	AQUIFER RECHARGE PROTECTION AREA	ALL OTHER AREAS
Clear vegetation from under large stationary propane tanks	●	●	●	●
Create fuel break with driveways, walkways/ paths, patios, and decks,	●	●	●	●
Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of 4"	●	●	●	●
Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns. Prune trees up to 6–10' from ground; for shorter trees do not exceed 1/3 of the overall tree height.	●	●	●	●
Space trees to have a minimum of 18' between crowns with the distance increasing with the percentage of slope.	●	●	●	●
Tree placement should be planned to ensure the mature canopy is no closer than 10' to the edge of the structure.	●	●	●	●
Tree and shrubs in this zone should be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up the continuity of the vegetation across the landscape.	●	●	●	●

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# EXTENDED ZONE

30–100' from the exterior of the house

FIREWISE BEST PRACTICE	SHORELINE AREAS	CRITICAL AREAS	AQUIFER RECHARGE PROTECTION AREA	ALL OTHER AREAS
Dispose of heavy accumulation of ground liter/debris.	●	●	●	●
Remove dead plant and dead tree material.	●	●	●	●
Remove small conifers growing between mature trees.	●	●	●	●
Remove vegetation adjacent to storage sheds or other outbuildings within the area.	●	●	●	●
Trees 30'–60' from the home should have at least 12' between canopy tops.*	●	●	●	●
Trees 60'–100' from the home should have at least 6' between the canopy tops.*	●	●	●	●

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- \* The distance listed for crown spacing are suggested based on NFPA 1144. However, the crown spacing needed to reduce/prevent crown fire potential could be significantly greater due to slope, the species of trees involved, and other site-specific conditions. Check with your local forestry professional to get advice on what is appropriate for your property.

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