



Frenchtown Rural Fire Department's Wildfire Hazard Fuels Reduction Program

**Your Frenchtown Rural Fire Department can help reduce your home's risk from wildfire
BEFORE smoke is in the air!**

Our wildfire risk reduction specialists will assess your property, make recommendations, assist with project planning, and do the work. Our grant-funded cost-share program pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of your project's cost.

Risk assessment: Our Hazard Fuels Reduction crew will assess the hazards potentially affecting your house and property by appointment, **free of charge**, prior to any project, *regardless* of whether you choose to hire us.

Projects: We specialize in cutting and removing vegetation such as saplings, small-diameter trees, and brush. Cut material can be chipped, or, in special circumstances, piled for later burning by the homeowner.

Benefits: By reducing vegetation around your property, you lessen the intensity of wildland fire affecting your home. This lessens the risk not only to your home, but also to fire personnel assigned to protect it in the event of a wildfire emergency. Help us help you!



Before



After

**Call Frenchtown Fire at 626-5791 to get
started!**

Other Information

- We bid based on project cost. Incident response, crew size, and unanticipated project difficulties will NOT result in increased cost to you.
- Past projects have ranged in size from less than ¼ acre to over 15 acres.
- Projects have been completed for as little as \$150 cost to the homeowner.

Additional Resources

Bitter Root RC & D

- Provides access to financial assistance for homeowners who wish to hire contractors to complete fuels reduction projects, up to and including cutting/sale of commercial timber. Program refers homeowners to state-certified foresters. Link = <https://www.bitterrootrcd.org/hazardous-fuels-reduction>

Missoula United Way cost sharing program

homeowners with financial and labor burdens of wildfire preparedness. Crews perform light thinning and forestry but also will help with roof/gutter cleaning, clutter clean-up, and more. Link = <https://www.missoulaunitedway.org/wildfire-preparedness-cost-share-program>

Fire Adapted Missoula County

- Clearinghouse for info that informs and prepares citizens to safely co-exist with wildfire. Link = <https://sites.google.com/view/famcounty/home>