

# Be Ready for Fire Season



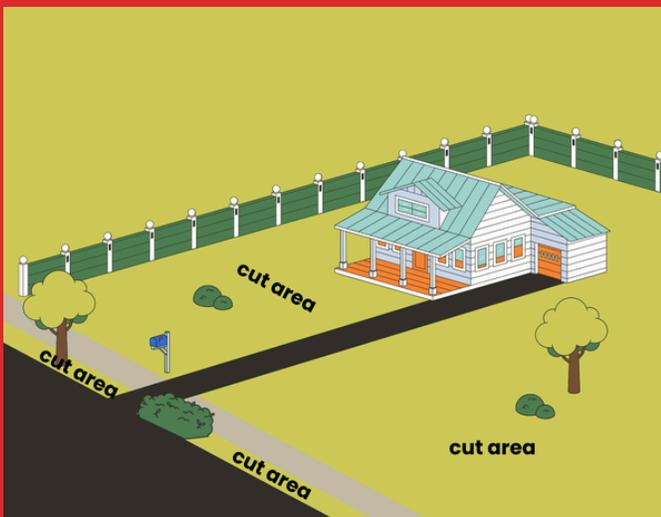
Know your responsibilities. Do your part to keep Ashland safe.

Cutting grass and weeds reduces the ability for fire to start or spread quickly, and decreases the fire risk in our city. Additionally, removing flammable plants and debris in proximity to a home increases the chances of that homes survival during a wildfire event.

## Lots larger than 1 acre

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height:

- on abutting park rows, sidewalks, alleys, and other rights of way
- within 30 feet of every structure
- in a 15-foot wide fire break around your property and along access roads and driveways
- keep 3-foot clearance radius around fire hydrants.



## Lots 1 acre or smaller

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height:

- on the entire property
- on abutting park rows, sidewalks, alleys, and other rights of way
- Keep 3-foot clearance radius around fire hydrants

Use this ruler to reference maximum grass height

Ashland Municipal Code 9.04 requires weed abatement on all lots within city limits, including noxious weeds like blackberry, brooms, and thistles. Failure to abate and maintain weeds and grass throughout fire season can result in fines of up to \$500 for each day the violation exists, as well as costs for abatement and staff time.

For more information about weed abatement, wildfire restrictions, or how to file a weed abatement complaint, visit [ashlandoregon.gov/fire](http://ashlandoregon.gov/fire)

4"



# Prohibited Flammable Plants

As of October 18th, 2018, new plantings of the following flammable plants are restricted within Ashland's city limits, both during new construction and throughout the city within 30 feet of any structure, including structures on adjacent lots. Ashland Municipal Code AMC9.04.022. While this list comprises plants that are strictly prohibited because of their inherent flammability, it is important to note that all landscaping plants can be flammable if not properly maintained and watered. Follow best practices for fire-resistant landscaping.

## Prohibited Grasses

- Pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*)

## Prohibited Shrubs

- Broom (*Cytisus* sp.)
- Ceanothus (*Ceanothus* sp.)
- Juniper (*Juniperus* sp.)
- Lavender (*Lavandula* sp.)
- Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* sp.)
- Oregon grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
- Rosemary (*Rosmarinus* sp.)

## Prohibited Trees

- Arborvitae/Redcedar (*Thuja* sp.)
- Cedar (*Cedrus* sp.)
- Cedar/Cypress (*Chamaecyparis* sp.)
- Cypress (*Cupressus* sp.)
- Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- Fir (*Abies* sp.)
- Hemlock (*Tsuga* sp.)
- Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens* or *Libocedrus decurrens*)
- Juniper (*Juniperus* sp.)
- Pine (*Pinus* sp.)
- Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron* sp.)
- Coast Redwood (*Sequoia* sp.)
- Spruce (*Picea* sp.)
- Yew (*Taxus* sp.)

