



PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

City & Residents Work Together to Prevent Wildfires

Even as the Francis Fire of 2019, which burned along the foothills of Fruit Heights, fades from memory, more recent wildfires remind us how quickly home and property can be destroyed in these situations. Fruit Heights City continues to work with the Department of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to reduce fire hazards within our city.



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROGRAM PROTECTING OUR CITY

STEP 1:
IDENTIFY WILDFIRE RISKS
AROUND YOUR
HOME & PROPERTY

STEP 2:
WORK WITH CITY & NEIGHBORS
TO IDENTIFY WILDFIRE RISKS
AROUND NEIGHBORHOOD

STEP 3:
CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE
BY REMOVING WILDFIRE FUELS
LIKE BRANCHES AND LEAVES
FROM AREAS NEAR HOMES

However, our biggest partner in preventing wildfires is YOU. Because of the city's geographic location and abundant vegetation around homes and neighborhoods, city leaders, staff and residents must work together to protect our community

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

The City participates in a **Firewise Protection Program**. A big part of the program involves the City partnering with residents and neighborhoods to reduce potential risks. The City works to identify and reduce fire hazards throughout our community, while residents play an important role around their own homes. And just as the city clears dangerous wildfire fuel from areas in parks and open spaces, residents are encouraged to create a defensible space closer to home.

DEFENDING YOUR HOME



Defensible Space is your home's front line of defense against wildfires. This space creates a buffer between your home and the wildland surrounding it. Defensible space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire, and includes efforts such as trimming branches, removing dead plants, creating space between vegetation, and using fire-resistant materials around your home.

Flying embers, which can travel a half mile or more from an active fire, are the leading cause of home loss from a wildfire. By creating defensible space,

homeowners help protect their property. The area surrounding your home is divided into two zones - see tips below for creating defensible space in each zone.

ZONE 1:

Areas Extending 30 ft From Home

- Remove dead plants, grass and weeds
- Remove leaves/pine needles from yard, roof and rain gutters
- Remove branches hanging over roof and chimney
- Trim trees regularly, keep branches 10 feet from other trees
- Remove or prune flammable plants near windows
- Remove flammable items from deck, relocate woodpile
- Create a separation between trees and shrubs

ZONE 2:

Areas Extending 100 ft From Home

- Cut annual grass to a height of 4 inches
- Create horizontal space between shrubs and trees
- Create vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, and small branches

FRUIT HEIGHTS VOUCHER PROGRAM REDUCES WILDFIRE RISK - LEARN MORE ON BACK

GREEN WASTE VOUCHER PROGRAM

SPRING OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISKS

FRUIT HEIGHTS RESIDENTS RECEIVE FREE VOUCHERS TO DISPOSE OF YARD DEBRIS

To protect your home from the spread of wildfire, it is recommended to trim branches and remove dead plants near your home. These efforts help create "defensible space" around your property.

To help residents clear trees, leaves and brush, Fruit Heights City is providing free vouchers to dump green waste at the Davis Landfill (1997 East 3500 North, Layton).

The landfill will accept the vouchers April 4 - 21, 2025.

Vouchers may be picked up at Fruit Heights City Hall (910 S. Mountain Rd) starting April 1.

Homeowners may request up to three vouchers. Each voucher is for green waste only, and applies to one small load (total weight at or below 10,000 lbs.) Customer is responsible for any fees over \$10 per voucher. For use by Fruit Heights residents.

FREE VOUCHERS

SPRING CLEANUP

APRIL 4-21

Starting April 1, residents may pick up free vouchers to dump yard waste.



CULINARY WATER RATES INCREASE

Fruit Heights City has two sources for culinary water: local well water and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD).

The Fruit Heights well produces approximately 30 acre feet of water per year. In addition, Fruit Heights purchases 745 acre feet of culinary water each year from WBWCD. In 2022, we paid \$294,271 for this water. Costs increased to \$321,000, and now to \$350,000. Projections from WBWCD show steady increases through 2028.

Starting Feb. 1, 2025, the base rate for culinary water increased from \$36/month to \$37.40/month, plus charges for actual amount of water used.

Curbside

RECYCLING

in Fruit Heights

DO WE RECYCLE?

Fruit Heights City does not currently offer a curbside recycling program to residents. Those who do recycle household goods either deliver their own recycleables, or contract with a third party for pick up.

COST?

If the City implements a recycling program, ALL residents would be enrolled. The cost would be \$5/month (guaranteed rate for 3 years), covering all hauling fees and costs associated with can.

WHY CONSIDER IT?

As the local landfill nears capacity, everyone is exploring options to extend the life of the landfill. All options include more recycling to reduce the amount of waste ever reaching the landfill.



WHO'S PARTICIPATING?

Many cities in our area are launching universal household recycling programs, meaning every household participates in the program, including Woods Cross, Syracuse, Sunset, and every city in Morgan County.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
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