



# How to do your wildfire hazard cleanup

**R**ossland properties near the forested edge of town face the greatest wildfire risk but embers from wildfires can land further inside and ignite fires in vegetation and accumulated debris which can spread to your house. Follow these FireSmart Rules of Thumb to reduce the hazard on your property.

**FIRESMART RULES OF THUMB**

**1 YARD SPACING**  
Changes within 10 metres of your home, including the removal of combustible surface material, will have the biggest impact.

10 metres

**2 TREE SPACING**  
Spacing trees at least 3 metres apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.

3 metres

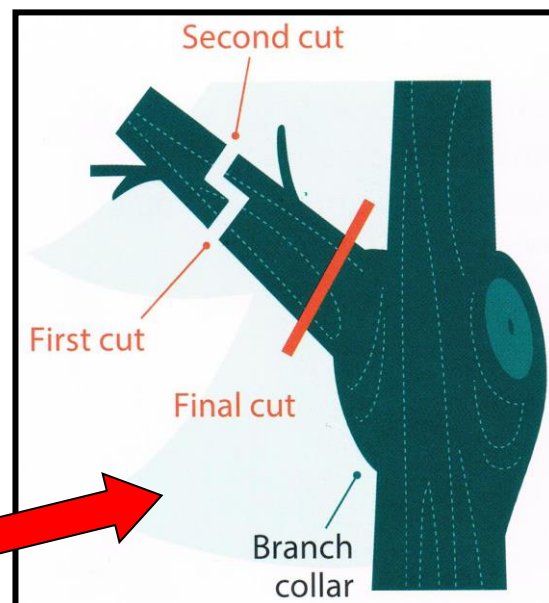
**3 PRUNE TREES**  
Prune all tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.

2 metres



**A surface fire can climb up into trees quickly. On coniferous trees remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground within 30 metres of your home.**

**Prune branches close to the tree trunk but not so close that you damage the main trunk and bark of the tree. Never remove more than 1/3 of the canopy of the tree.**



**Coniferous trees (evergreens with cones and needles) are highly flammable and should not be within 10 metres of your home. Cedar hedges and juniper bushes are especially flammable.**

**Deciduous (leafy) trees are resistant to wildfire and are a good FireSmart choice for planting within 10 metres of your home.**

