

Recommendations for wildfire risk reduction in the Governors Park Neighborhood Community:

- Encourage residents to clean roofs and gutters of leafy and woody debris in the fall after trees shed needles and leaves, and again before wildfire season begins, such as April or May.
- Assist residents in identifying fire prone vegetation that is within 10 feet of structures. Replace these with fire-resistant native vegetation.
- Remove or relocate flammable ornaments, patio furniture and other combustible materials to a protected area, or 30 feet away from the footprint of the structure. Encourage residents to replace items used around exterior of home with non-combustible products so there isn't a long "to do list" in case of an evacuation.
- In coordination with PF&R, identify and reduce ladder fuels, such as invasive species and "weedy trees" on residential lots that abut the natural forested areas. Fuel mitigation will assist in breaking up pathways of continuous vegetation and prevent wildfires from reaching residential structures or climbing into the trees along the boundary of the natural areas, and within the Governors Park Neighborhood.
- Trees are allowed within the 30-foot area of defensible space around structures. Recommended to trim up limbs on trees in this area, so that the end of the branches are 6-10 feet above the ground.
- Remove and/or chip dead limbs from trees, including downed limbs and litter regularly to reduce the fuel load.
- Utilize planned Firewise community events throughout the year to work on reducing invasive fuels, and "weedy trees" in community areas and break up fuel continuity. The first year Governors Park will work on creating a fuel mitigation plan and schedule that will occur on an annual basis to prepare for wildfire season.
- Encourage the Governors Park residents to sign up for [PublicAlerts.org](https://www.publicalerts.org). Everyone should be prepared to leave during a Level 2 evacuation notice.
- Identify a community plan for appropriate disposal of yard debris, annually.
- Create a collaborative partnership with the Parks Bureau and work towards a solution for fuels management in the areas that are adjacent to the homes in the Governors Park Neighborhood.
- Partner with Parks Bureau to participate in volunteer fuel mitigation events in boundary areas of the parks to reduce the fuel load and invasive plants.
- Partner with all bureaus involved with reducing the amount of unsanctioned camping in the Governors Park neighborhood
- Work with the City of Portland to identify prominent evacuation routes to maintain designated routes for neighborhood and emergency apparatus access.
- Coordinate pre & post wildfire season meetings with all Firewise Communities in the Portland Metro area before wildfire season begins in **2025**.
- Create or utilize a community emergency notification system by **2026**.
- Create and distribute a Community Response/Evacuation Plan in the event of a wildfire by **2027**.