



SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Drought continues after a dry winter. Over the past few years the risk of wildland fires is year-round. As of this writing, the most recent wildland fire in Manhattan was 3/24/22.

Make wildland fire mitigation preparations if you have not already done so. Consider getting a free Wildland Fire Risk Assessment from the GRR Fire Department. Contact Chief Sprow marlinsprow32@gmail.com, or email admin@grrfd.org to set up an appointment. Check out the GRRFD website Getting Informed section for more information about wildland fire preparedness recommendations: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>. This section includes the GRR Evacuation Plan.

This is the time to clear winter debris from the lawn and gardens. Rake up leaves or evergreen needles from under trees, bushes, and around the home. Discard these in your trash, the landfill, or compost them. **Please do not discard any waste in the Reservoir quarry area.** This is private property and not a dump site.

Early spring is a good time to trim deciduous trees. Trimming the lowest branches of trees is one way to prevent fire spread from grass fires into the trees. Here are a couple of links you can follow for more information: <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/bul/bul0644.pdf>, and <https://www.montana.edu/news/5742/taking-care-of-shade-trees>.

If you are thinking about landscaping projects, keep fire risk in mind.

The GRR Fire Department needs volunteers! We have opportunities for those interested in becoming volunteer firefighters, reservists, and auxiliary members. Email admin@grrfd.org if you are interested.

Please visit the GRR Fire Department website to learn more: <http://www.grrfd.org/>.