



SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Burn Ban has been lifted as of 10/3/22, but remember, the wildland fire season is still in swing during October. Recent cooler weather and precipitation reduce that risk. Fire risk goes up when things get dry.

The New Fire Station Project is moving forward. We expect it to be complete in the next two months. This is an expensive project and a fundraiser is under way. If you have not already donated, please help by sending a check to Gallatin River Ranch Rural Fire District, PO Box 109, Manhattan, MT 59741. Your generous donation is tax deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the IRS code. Donation opportunities will continue through the fall and into winter, which will include a grand opening when the station is complete and the potential for a very interesting raffle.

Check to make sure you are current on yearly home heating system and chimney inspections. Faulty furnaces and uncleaned fireplace and wood stove flues are a potential sources of home fires.

Consider putting a reflective stake next to your propane tank hatch. These make it easier to locate the propane hatch in the event of a fire. This is especially important if a fire occurs at night or when snow covers the hatch.

October is good time to mow a wider perimeter around your home to reduce wildland fire fuels if you didn't take care of it in September. Just remember to mow when the grass is not bone dry, like the day after a rain, to keep the fire hazard minimal. **Please do not discard any waste in the Reservoir quarry area.**

Consider getting a free Wildland Fire Risk Assessment from the GRR Fire Department. Contact Chief Sprow marlinspro32@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/>

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