



## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT MARCH

Spring is just around the corner. Maybe. Either way, it's time to think about spring preparations.

Late winter through 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. Download the Montana Ready, Set, Go wildland action guide: [https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/pdf/montana\\_actionguide.pdf](https://www.iafc.org/docs/default-source/pdf/montana_actionguide.pdf).

Spring cleanup is a great time to remove dead dry fuels (trees, limbs, brush) from your property to reduce your wildland fire risk. Consider getting a free Wildland Fire Risk Assessment from the GRR Fire Department. Contact Chief Sprow: [marlinsprow32@gmail.com](mailto:marlinsprow32@gmail.com), or email [admin@grrfd.org](mailto:admin@grrfd.org) to set up an appointment. Or, consider getting a wildland fire risk assessment through the Ready Gallatin program: <https://www.readygallatin.com/wildfire-mitigation/home-risk-assessment/>.

**Please do not discard any waste in the Reservoir quarry area.**

It's a good time to review and revise medical history documents. Consider filling out or updating a My Medical History from the GRR Fire Website: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>.