

ATTENTION UNIVERSITY PARK RESIDENTS:

Because the reporting criteria to qualify for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise Community recognition is so important, we need everyone's help to become more exacting with our input. As you know, the Firewise Community designation award each year can have significant homeowner's insurance implications for many residents. So, we ask that residents do the following simple things to ensure our community receives maximum credit for legitimate wildfire mitigation work completed in University Park.

1. Make sure that your property's Wildfire Risk Assessment (WRA) is current within the last 5 years. A WRA is valuable and informative because this professional evaluation focuses on YOUR property. If you don't have a WRA, please get one prior to the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) Chipping Event on June 24, 2019. **Schedule your FREE CSFD WRA at (719) 385-73420.**

2. If you do mitigation work (or have it done) on your property and place any slash or biomaterial curbside for the annual chipping event, **please make sure you call or email CSFD to register your address for the chipping. When registering, it is extremely important that all residents who mitigated PROVIDE CSFD THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOURS YOU PERFORMED YOUR MITIGATION WORK.** Reporting accuracy is vital to the annual chipping calculations reported to NFPA at the end of the year, every address where mitigation work was performed, and slash/biomaterial was placed curbside for chipping needs to be reported. We are not capturing the full extent of mitigation work done in the community because often residents take their slash/biomaterial to a common area (e.g., to the end of a cul-de-sac, or along an open lot area on a street) without calling in or emailing their report.

3. Finally, **all wildfire mitigation work of any kind accomplished or contracted out at a time not coincidental to the annual chipping event also needs to be reported to Ashley Whitworth, Wildfire Mitigation Program Coordinator, at CSFD (awhitworth@springsgov.com) or (719) 385-7342**, so we can include that data in our community's end of year report, which is submitted to NFPA by CSFD. Often this work is remarkably extensive, and this is where we can significantly upgrade our annual reporting. Many residents do, or have done, a great deal of mitigation work for which we get no Firewise Community credit unless it is reported. For guidance on the type of mitigation work that qualifies, and what can be reported, please visit the UP Wildfire Mitigation Committee tab on our community website, <https://universityparkpoints.com>.

On behalf of CSFD, our Wildfire Mitigation Committee (WMC) members, and our fellow UP residents, thank you for your diligent work in keeping our community wildfire risk as low as possible, and in making our properties more defensible should we experience a wildfire!

Respectfully, Doug Harris
Chairman, UP HOA WMC