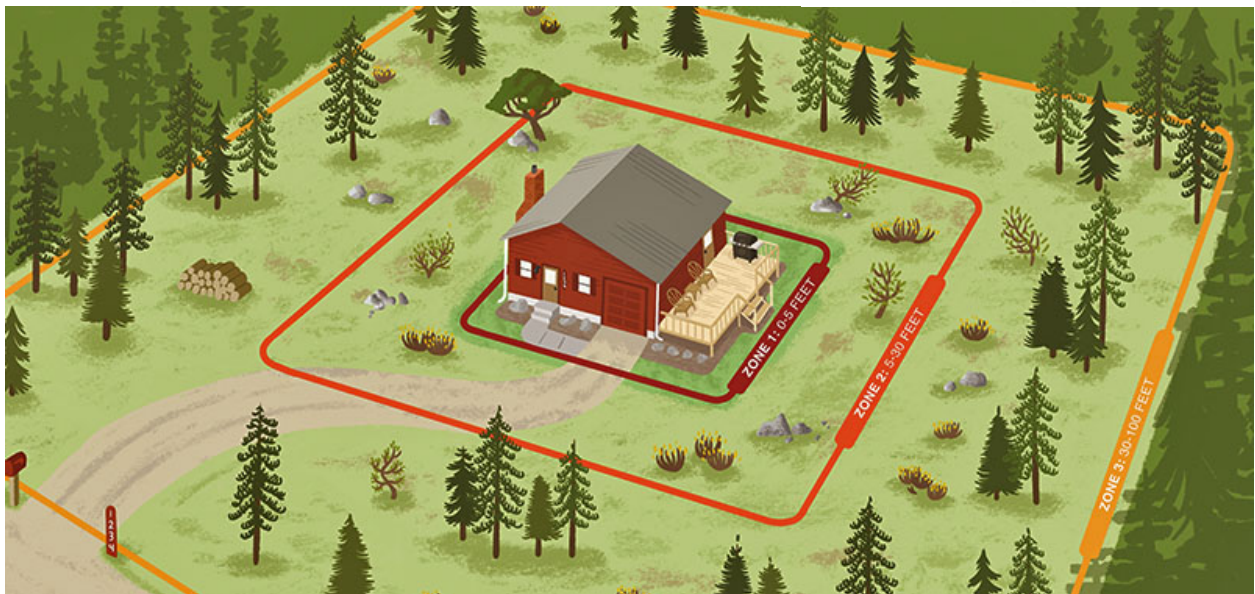


# GMF Fire Mitigation Tip

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Source: The Home Ignition Zone: A Guide to Preparing Your Home For Wildfire and Creating Defensible Space (Colorado State Forestry Service, 2021)

**HOME IGNITION ZONE (HIZ)** is the home and the area around the home (or structure). The HIZ takes into account both the potential of the structure to ignite and the quality of defensible space surrounding it.

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE** is the area around a home (or structure) that has been modified to reduce fire hazard by creating space between potential fuel sources.

**ZONE 1 (0-5 feet) GOAL:** This zone is designed to prevent flames from coming in direct contact with the structure. Use nonflammable, hard surface materials in this zone, such as rock, gravel, sand, cement, bare earth or stone/concrete pavers.

**ZONE 2 (5-30 feet) GOAL:** This zone is designed to give an approaching fire less fuel, which will help reduce its intensity as it gets nearer to your home or any structures.

**ZONE 3: (30-100 feet) GOAL:** This zone focuses on mitigation that keeps fire on the ground, but it's also a space to make choices that can improve forest health. Healthy forests include trees of multiple ages, sizes, and species, where adequate growing room is maintained over time.

Would you like to learn more about keeping your family, your property, and your neighbors safe? Connect with your neighbors on the GMF Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee at the link below, or use the QR code:

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