

Wildfire Mini Grant

Firebreak Project Sheet

Prepare: Work with PCD staff to identify appropriate project area during home assessment. Identify an appropriate area pile brush for easy removal from property. Examples of areas include on top of pavement, near an access road, or into a trailer.

Tools: Depending on project size, check local equipment rental services for: Chopper Roller, Rotary Brush Mower, Grubber, Root plow or undercutter, Masticator, Hand-tools/chainsaws

Installation: Choose 1 of these 3 options:

Choose Your Own Contractor

- Your contractor must have a current contractor's license in WA, be bonded and insured and be approved by PCD staff
- Your contractor rents and runs needed equipment
- Have a plan for brush removal
- Make sure erosion and watershed will not be impacted
- Have a plan for continued maintenance for at least 1 year

Do it Yourself

- Get 3 bids for needed equipment and materials
- Retain all receipts for PCD reimbursement

Let PCD Choose a Contractor

- PCD chooses a contractor through a competitive bid process and manages the install for your project

NRCS Guidelines:

- A permanent or temporary strip of ground cleared to bare soil or planted with fire-resistant vegetation meant to stop the spread of fire.
- PCD will only provide funding for mechanical or biological brush management (not chemical)
- Width needs to be at minimum 5 feet wide, preferably 10 feet wide up to 60 feet wide.
- Fuel breaks work well with firebreaks
- Full guidelines can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/XJP0A>