

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER

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VISIT AN IDAHO FIREWISE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Demonstration gardens provide a way for people to learn about water conservation, pollinator preservation, sustainable maintenance practices, locally adapted plants, and home protection and safety. You are able to guide your own learning and see first hand what Firewise landscape looks like matured. Idaho Firewise demonstration gardens provide a hands on learning opportunity to learn about low-ignition landscape practices for those living in the wildland/urban interface areas. You can currently visit eight different Idaho Firewise Demonstration Gardens, four of which are located right here in the Boise area listed below. To see other Firewise Demonstration Gardens in Idaho, visit the [Idaho Firewise](#) website.



Idaho Firewise Garden at Idaho Botanical Garden

**College of Western Idaho-
Idaho Botanical Gardens**
2355 Old Penitentiary Rd.
Boise, ID 83712

Boise Fire Station 1,
707 Reserve Street
Boise, ID 83712

Boise Fire Station 12
3240 State Highway 21
Boise, ID 83716

Eagle Sports Complex
Old Horseshoe Bend Rd.
Garden City, ID 83714

FIREWISE LANDSCAPE DESIGN TIPS

There are several things to keep in mind when designing your home landscape. [Idaho Firewise](#) recommends following this guiding principles:

Your lawn furniture is fuel. Designate an enclosed storage area to store these items when a wildfire threatens. Park boats, campers, and recreational vehicles in enclosed areas, or securely cover and move them away from structures.

Use hardscapes to break up contiguous fuels. Rock can provide a natural looking, low-maintenance and water-efficient mulch as well as a fire-resistant buffer zone.

A well-watered lawn is a Firewise lawn. Maintain landscapes with regular irrigation, mowing, pruning, raking, weeding, and dead plant removal.

Group Firewise plant materials in islands. Plants grouped in islands surrounded by nonflammable materials, such as a rock wall, are a great example of how landscape elements can work together.

Choose mulch wisely. Flammable materials such as bark represent a huge fire risk.

Idaho Firewise provides information on every aspect of creating your own Firewise landscape. Visit the [Idaho Firewise website](#) for additional information on making your landscape Firewise.

