***YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

*(QUICK AND EASY WILDFIRE PROTECTION TIPS)*

* *Clean out your gutters*
* *Remove leaves and other flammable debris at least 5 feet around your home’s perimeter, from under decks and off roofs*
* *Remove flammable patio furniture and decorations*
* *Trim grass to length shorter than 4 inches*
* *Remove firewood piles, fuel and easily moved propane tanks at least 30 feet away from your house*
* *Thin understory trees/shrubs and prune up larger trees to a 30’ perimeter around your home. One hundred (100’) feet is even better*

These tips are recommended by:

The NC Forest Service

The National Firewide Prevention Agency

Firewise USA

Blue Ridge Conservation and Development

Cedar Rock Firewise Committee

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