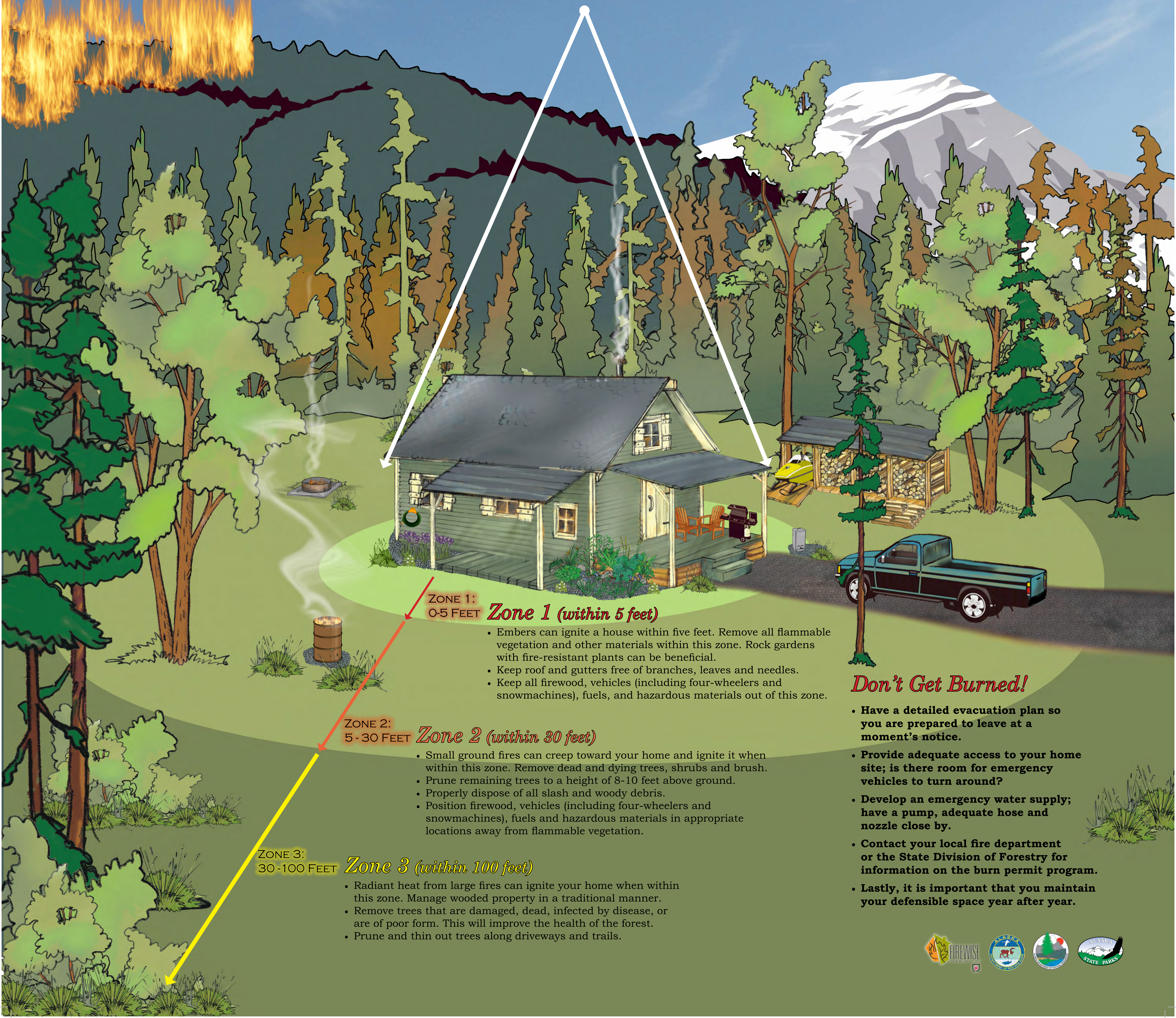


BeAK Firewise

Protect Your Property
Creating a defensible space around your home will reduce the risk of **destruction** and **damage** when wildfires are near.

Home *IGNITION* Zone

The "Home Ignition Zone" is determined by the home's potential to ignite during an intense fire. If your home doesn't ignite, it doesn't burn.



ZONE 1: 0-5 FEET *Zone 1 (within 5 feet)*

- Embers can ignite a house within five feet. Remove all flammable vegetation and other materials within this zone. Rock gardens with fire-resistant plants can be beneficial.
- Keep roof and gutters free of branches, leaves and needles.
- Keep all firewood, vehicles (including four-wheelers and snowmachines), fuels, and hazardous materials out of this zone.

ZONE 2: 5-30 FEET *Zone 2 (within 30 feet)*

- Small ground fires can creep toward your home and ignite it when within this zone. Remove dead and dying trees, shrubs and brush.
- Prune remaining trees to a height of 8-10 feet above ground.
- Properly dispose of all slash and woody debris.
- Position firewood, vehicles (including four-wheelers and snowmachines), fuels and hazardous materials in appropriate locations away from flammable vegetation.

ZONE 3: 30-100 FEET *Zone 3 (within 100 feet)*

- Radiant heat from large fires can ignite your home when within this zone. Manage wooded property in a traditional manner.
- Remove trees that are damaged, dead, infected by disease, or are of poor form. This will improve the health of the forest.
- Prune and thin out trees along driveways and trails.

Don't Get Burned!

- **Have a detailed evacuation plan so you are prepared to leave at a moment's notice.**
- **Provide adequate access to your home site; is there room for emergency vehicles to turn around?**
- **Develop an emergency water supply; have a pump, adequate hose and nozzle close by.**
- **Contact your local fire department or the State Division of Forestry for information on the burn permit program.**
- **Lastly, it is important that you maintain your defensible space year after year.**

