



## Fire Department

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### **All Contractors and Construction Site Managers working in the City of Scottsdale**

The Scottsdale Fire Department is asking you to be proactive and help us address the threat associated with the upcoming wildfire season. This year has the potential to be a very active and dangerous fire season. The primary goal is to reduce the number and severity of wildland fires in the developing and Preserve areas of the community.

Over the past few years, the City of Scottsdale has experienced several fires that have started at local construction sites and extended into the adjacent open desert spaces. The Fire Department is providing a series of recommendations and guidelines that will help prevent and control wildfire incidents near the local construction sites.

Recommended checklist of safety items:

- Do not block fire hydrants or emergency access to the site with construction vehicles.
- Establish and maintain the building envelope as a clear zone. Thin vegetation and clear flammable materials and flash fuels (dried grasses and weeds) for an additional “buffer zone” of 20-30 feet from the building envelope. There is no need to clear natural live desert plants, just keep these areas maintained and clear of the annual dry flash fuels.
- Develop a “buffer zone” and remove all light (flash) fuels for an area of 10-15 feet from the edge of all driveways.
- Keep construction sites clear of excessive combustible and flammable materials.
- Restrict smoking while on the construction site, especially in the wildland interface areas.
- If a fire is suspected or discovered, immediately notify 911 for fire department response. Do this before attempting to investigate or before taking any firefighting action.
- Take special care to limit welding and metal cutting operations to cleared areas.
- Always consider posting spotters when conducting potentially risky operations.
- Have working fire extinguishers and/or connected water hose lines available on all sites.

For more information, or to report an unsafe construction site, contact the City of Scottsdale Fire Department Prevention Services Division at 480-312-1855. Additional resources relating to Wildfire awareness may be located at [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/wild-fire-prevention](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/fire/wild-fire-prevention).

***Thank you for your assistance with keeping Scottsdale a safe and beautiful community for our residents and visitors.***