

GT HEALTHY FOREST & FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES

- **Thin trees and brush**
(Any tree over 3 inches in diameter, you must get permission from the Forestry Committee to take down)
- **Ladder trees (remove branches) to a height of 10 ft. above the ground, leaving enough of the branch to hang a hat.**
- **Remove slash from the forest floor**
- **Cut green limbs between October and May**
- **Dead limbs may be removed year round**
- **Spray your “trophy trees” to guard against Mountain Pine Beetle attack.**
(Spray May thru June)
- **Other than spraying for mistletoe, remove infected branches**
- **It is permissible to leave 1 or 2 decaying trunks per acre on the ground, this provides nutrients for the soil and insects for the wildlife.**
- **A standing dead tree (1 or 2 per acre) can remain. They provide forage habitat for insect eating species and homes for cavity creatures.**
- **Create a defensible space surrounding your home**
(A defensible space is a 30 ft. area around a structure where trees and vegetation are cleared to reduce the spread of fire)
- **Store firewood 30 ft. from any structures**
- **Keep roof and gutters free from debris**
- **Store tools such as shovels, axes, rakes or hoes for use in case of fire**

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