



**Merrill Volunteer Fire Department**  
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With the hot and windy conditions present and the abundant grasses from a wet winter that are now drying out, there is now an increased risk of a large wildfire. Keeping your property fire safe should be a priority this time of year. This includes making sure all the dead grass is cut away from fences and structures. All leaf, pine, and grass litter that has been blown to the ground should be removed. Trimming trees and shrubs to prevent fire from getting into the canopy or removing shrubs from up against structures will help keep your property fire safe. This is called defensible space. Proper defensible space can slow or stop the spread of wildfire and help protect your home or business.

