



# Wildfire Protection

## Rhode Island



## Wildfire Planning and Protection

NRCS offers financial assistance through programs authorized under the federal Farm Bill. Rhode Island farmers & forest landowners can now apply for fiscal year 2024 conservation assistance with the highest funding availability in history. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment.

Rhode Island NRCS works with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to provide technical assistance to enhance forest land and wildlife habitat.

NRCS has practices that can help minimize risk of unwanted damage to resources and infrastructure from a wildfire. To be eligible for our forestry programs, you need to have a Forest Management Plan (FMP). NRCS will cover part of the cost for plan preparation. Once the plan is written and approved, NRCS can provide financial and technical assistance to help you install conservation practices to minimize your risk from wildfire. Some of these include:

- Brush Management (CPS 314)
- Fuel Break Establishment (CPS 383)
- Woody Residue Treatment (CPS 384)
- Dry-hydrant Installation (CPS 432)
- Forest Trails & Landings (CPS 655)
- Tree/Shrub Pruning (CPA 660)
- Forest Stand Improvement (CPS 666)

Visit your local USDA NRCS or Conservation District office. We can help you make the right choices to protect and improve your land and natural resources.



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Practice	Description	Benefits
<p><b>Brush Management</b></p>	 <p>Management or removal of woody plants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Improves plant growing conditions</li> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dry Hydrants</b></p>	 <p>A non-pressurized permanent pipe assembly installed to allow water withdrawal by suction from a pond or other water source.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Provides water for fire suppression</li> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forest Stand Improvement</b></p>	 <p>Manage tree and shrub species composition, structure or density; thin tree overstory sufficiently to reduce tree canopy and crown fire potential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forest Trails &amp; Landings</b></p>	 <p>A stabilized temporary or infrequently used access route, path, or cleared area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fuel Breaks</b></p>	 <p>A strip or area of land where vegetation, debris, and litter have been cleared to control or diminish the spread of fire.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk.</li> <li>» Protects life and property.</li> <li>» Improves wildlife habitat and food sources for many species.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tree/ Shrub Pruning</b></p>	 <p>The removal of all or parts of selected branches from trees and shrubs to remove ladder fuels for wildfire.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> <li>» Reduces safety hazards</li> </ul>
<p><b>Woody Residue Treatment</b></p>	 <p>Treat or remove woody residue and minimize fine fuels in the fuel break.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Reduces wildfire risk</li> <li>» Protects life and property</li> </ul>

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