



Columbia Village Fire Mitigation Agreement

This Fire Mitigation Agreement allows for homeowners within the Columbia Village Owners Association to maintain Columbia Village Owners Association property, also referred to as common area, adjacent to the homeowner's property in a fashion and form consistent with the accepted and approved Fire wise practices.

Nothing in this agreement should or can be construed as transfer of ownership of any Columbia Village Owners Association common area property to any homeowner or other entity.

This agreement, signed and dated by both parties is required prior to performing allowable fire mitigation activities within the Columbia Village Owners Association common area.

Allowable Practices:

Only the following activities are allowed:

- **Weed trimming of grass understory**, with plastic blades or plastic string, on Columbia Village Owners' Association property within 20 feet of the homeowner's property line, if the landowner's property is directly adjacent to Columbia Village Owners' Association common area. (Please verify adjacent property ownership before conducting wildfire mitigation activity by contacting the Columbia Village Owners' Association office at (208) 323-1080.
- **Fall broadcast seeding of native grasses.** (CVOA approval required. Seed list will be provided upon request)

Required Practices:

- Grass must not be cut shorter than 6 inches in length.
- Cut or trimmed organic materials must be bagged and removed from the site to reduce the spread of non-native invasive grasses and to reduce wildfire risk.
- Any noxious weed must be removed by hand. Due to the highly invasive nature of Rush Skeleton weed, pulling and bagging of this weed prior to trimming of grasses is required.

Suggested practices:

While not required, these practices will help to insure any work performed does not cause an unintended fire.

- Have a fire extinguisher on hand, as well as an at-ready garden hose and working cellphone in case a fire is started.
- Do not lay hot equipment in dry grass where it may ignite flammable grasses.
- Refuel tools away from any vegetation, on paved surfaces. Store gasoline away from work area.
- Inform potentially concerned neighbors that you will be completing this mitigation activity.

Prohibitions and Restrictions:

The following activities are not allowed:

- The use of metal blades, chains, and similar metallic implements is specifically prohibited.
- Internal combustion engines may not be used for wildfire mitigation activities between July 1 and September 30 of each year.
- BLM Fire restriction rules must be adhered to. In addition, all mitigation activities, including allowable activities, are prohibited when BLM fire restrictions are in effect for the Boise District.

To see current fire restrictions, go to

<http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/southwest/firerestrictions.htm>

- During the period when the use of internal combustion engines is allowed, all internal combustion engines used for fire mitigation activities must have a spark arrestor.
- The removal of native shrubs, native brush, and native trees is prohibited.

- Denuding the ground (removal of grasses down to bare earth) is prohibited.
- Herbicide applications are prohibited.
- Use of fire is prohibited.
- Planting of non-native grasses.
- Planting, harvesting, or maintaining edibles is prohibited.

Please initial each item.

This agreement is valid for three (3) years after date of signature. _____

This agreement is made with the current homeowners and does not transfer with the home upon sale. _____

This agreement may be terminated at will by the Columbia Village Owners Association for any Violation of the agreement. _____

If the agreement is violated, practices are not followed, or prohibited activities occur; Columbia Village Owners Association will require the Homeowner to pay for the complete cost of returning the area adjacent to their property to the condition it was in prior to this agreement. _____

This cost will be assessed to the homeowner as a limited assessment as detailed in the Columbia Village CC&Rs. _____

Questions about this policy should be directed to the Columbia Village Owners' Association via Sentry Management at (208) 323-1080.

Homeowner
 (Name) _____
 (Address) _____

 Homeowner (Signature)

 Date

 CVOA Board

 Date