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Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force
Firebreaks and Trail Restoration
Holy Trinity High School
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Projects

Restoration and Rehabilitation Projects:

- Hazardous tree removal
- Drainage improvement
- Trail restoration
- Firebreak rehabilitation
- FireSmart

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Hazardous Tree Removal

- Removing trees that present a safety hazard due to health and structural support damage caused by the wildfire
- Certified and experienced forestry experts inspect the trees before they are deemed hazardous and removed

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Hazardous Tree Removal



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FireSmart

- National program to help reduce the risk of wildfire to homes and neighbourhoods
- RMWB FireSmart work includes managing vegetation by thinning, trimming and pruning trees

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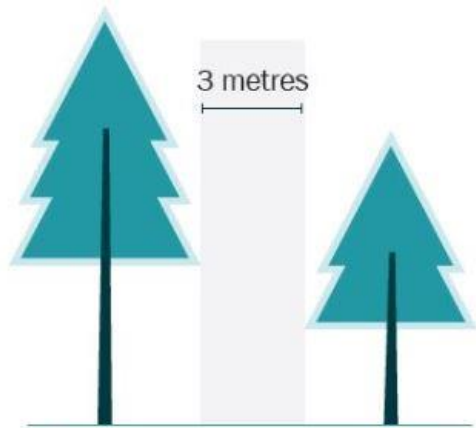
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TREE SPACING

Spacing trees at least 3 metres apart will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire.



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PRUNE TREES

Prune all tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.

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Firebreak Rehabilitation

- During the fire, Regional Emergency Services cleared forested areas near homes to create a defensible space
- A firebreak, also sometimes called a dozer-guard, is an area that's cleared of trees and other fuels

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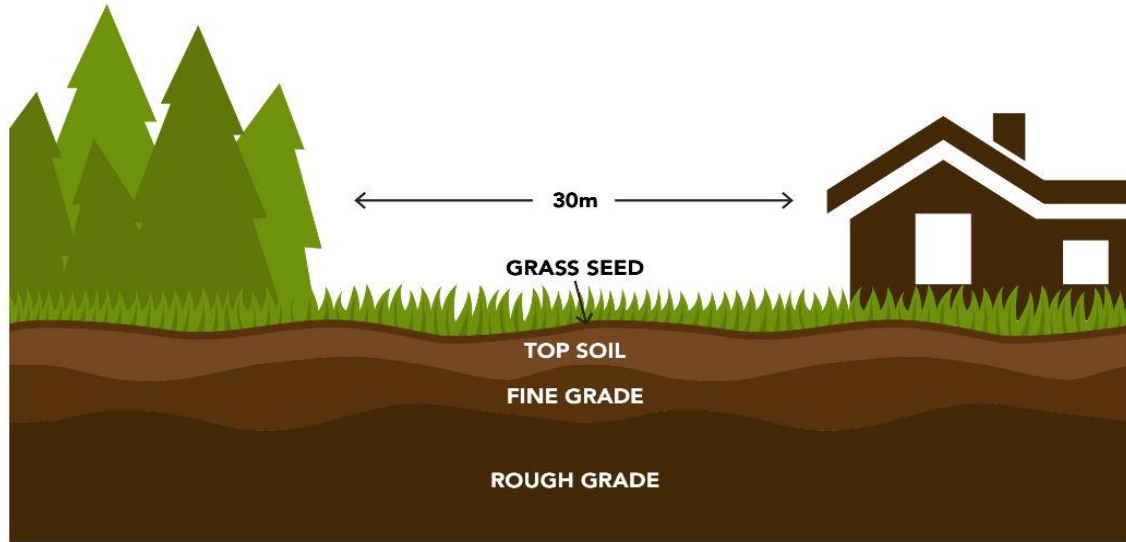


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Trail Restoration

- Firefighting efforts had an impact on many of the trails in the community
- The RMWB recognizes the importance of trails and is working to restore all pre-existing trails
- All paved trails will be replaced with a paved trail, all gravel trails will be replaced with a gravel trail etc.

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Timelines

Firebreak Rehabilitation and Trail Restoration

Work will commence this summer and the project will be completed by the end of August, 2018.

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Next Steps

- Finalizing options based on funding and incorporating community recommendations where possible.

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