

FIREWISE USA
Communities –
coming together to meet
the challenge of wildfire.



BENEFITS OF A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

Reduced Risk to Life and Property

The Firewise program empowers communities to reduce their vulnerability to wildfires and enhance their ability to protect homes and properties.

Get a Framework for Action

Firewise USA helps communities get organized and find direction to plan and implement systematic actions to reduce their risks from wildfires.

Community Building & Organizing

Neighbors working together build stronger bonds. Sharing tools, knowledge and resources to collectively respond to fires and other emergencies.

Financial Benefits

Recognized Firewise communities may receive preference for grants made for wildfire safety or fuel mitigation. Most insurance companies provide incentives to residential properties within recognized firewise communities.

Support

Firewise communities receive many types of support and resources from local, state, and federal agencies. This assistance can include technical expertise, project support, and funding sources.

Peace of Mind

Residents living in a Firewise community gain peace of mind, knowing that they have taken proactive measures to protect their homes and families from the threat of wildfires.

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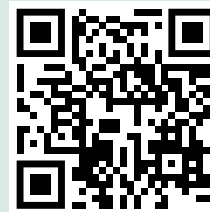
Join a grassroots effort of neighbors working together to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their homes and neighborhoods.

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Residents reducing wildfire risks

GET STARTED!

For more detailed information, help in getting started, or to donate, contact us at



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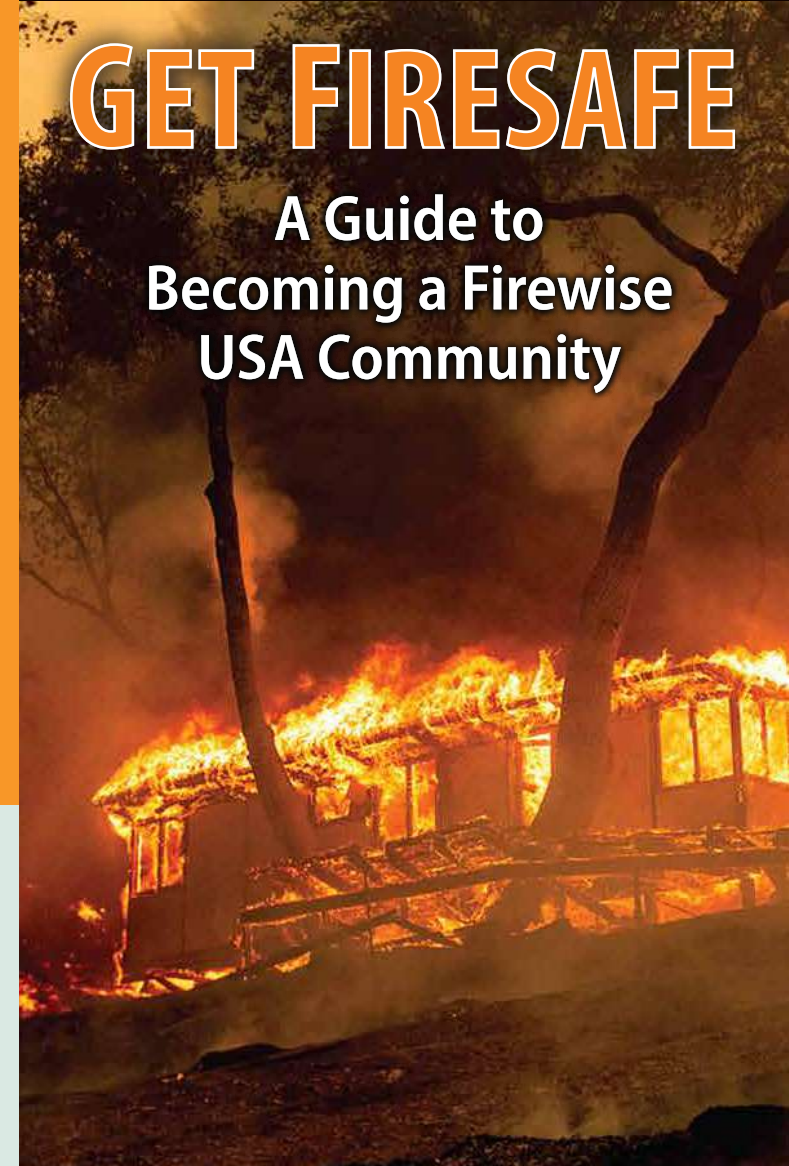
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www.tuolumnefiresafe.org

MAKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE FROM WILDFIRE

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GET FIRESAFE

A Guide to
Becoming a Firewise
USA Community



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Join with your neighbors to organize and apply for your area to become a recognized Firewise Community.

FIREWISE USA is a grassroots effort of neighbors working together to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their homes and neighborhoods.

The National Firewise USA® Recognition Program provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area to get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and reduce wildfire risks at the local level. The Firewise USA® Program is free. By joining together in our efforts, we can accomplish more than we can alone.



We Can Help You Get Started!

Connect with us for more information and access to resources:

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Becoming a Firewise Community USA Site

Before beginning the process, consider holding a neighborhood meeting to learn about the Firewise Community Program, to promote interest and support, and to recruit volunteers. Information from this meeting can help you determine boundaries for your Firewise Community map.

1

ORGANIZE IT

Form a board/group/committee that is comprised of residents and other applicable wildfire stakeholders.



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PLAN IT

Create a written wildfire risk assessment with your Cal Fire representative or the City Fire Chief for Sonora. The assessment should be a community-wide view that identifies areas of successful wildfire risk reduction and areas where improvements can be made.

3

DO IT

Develop an action plan – a priority list of risk reduction projects/investments, along with suggested homeowner actions and education activities that participants will strive to complete annually, or over a period of multiple years.

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SUBMIT IT

Submit application to Firewise USA. State liaisons will approve applications, with final processing completed by the NFPA.

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IMPLEMENT IT

Put your plan to work. At a minimum, each site is required to contribute one volunteer hour per dwelling unit in wildfire risk reductions.



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RENEW IT

Participating sites must submit an annual renewal to maintain their “Good Standing” status. Part of being a Firewise USA site is reporting the ongoing work residents complete each year to reduce wildfire risks.