

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Maintain defensible space around your home, use fire resistant landscaping, create a Firewise Community in your neighborhood, hardscape your structures (homes, businesses), donate your time, resources, expertise, become an advocate/mentor/educator/role model, and more.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We need your support to continue our work of keeping Tuolumne County residents safe from the impacts of wildfire.

The Tuolumne Fire Safe Council is funded through grant awards and donations. Your tax-deductible donation will help keep our communities safe from catastrophic wildfires.

Your donation will be used to directly support our mission to save lives and protect property through wildfire preparedness, prevention, and education.

By joining together, we can accomplish more than we can individually.



SUPPORT OUR WORK

Your donations help support our efforts to foster fire safe communities in Tuolumne County.

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TUOLUMNE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL *Working to reduce catastrophic wildfire in Tuolumne County*



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TuolumneFireSafe.org*



TUOLUMNE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

WHO WE ARE

The Tuolumne Fire Safe Council works to reduce wildfire risk in Tuolumne County to protect its residents, property & infrastructure.



The Tuolumne FireSafe Council is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization composed of individuals, governmental agencies, public, and private businesses that share a common interest in preventing and reducing loss from wildfires.

OUR MISSION

- Educate the public so as to significantly increase public awareness about fire risk and ways that property owners can reduce that risk.
- Develop ways to make compliance with firesafe regulations easier and more effective for property owners.
- To reduce this risk through fire prevention, fire safety, fuel reductions, and community preparedness.
- Build community support for gaining additional funding, programs and equipment to meet suppression and prevention needs in Tuolumne County.

In its two-decade history, the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council has grown from pine needle collection days to constructing over 4,000 acres of fuelbreak in north Tuolumne County. These fuel breaks protect 32,000 residents, 25,000 structures, and vital north county infrastructure.

This fuelbreak system slowed the progress of the 2015 Oak Fire, threatening Cedar Ridge and surrounding area, and provided a staging area for firefighters to successfully attack the wildfire.

The Tuolumne Fire Safe Council has received statewide recognition for this fuelbreak system.

Originally formed to serve the northern portion of the county as the Highway 108 Fire Safe Council, it was later renamed the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council, and now serves all of Tuolumne County.

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WHAT WE DO



Our efforts are aimed at connecting citizens with the resources they need to make their communities fire safe.

Fuels Management fuel breaks, brush treatments, mastication, hand crews, roadside fuel reduction, defensible space for seniors and disabled, chipping, treatment maintenance, prescribed fire, tree mortality treatment, green waste disposal.

Education training, workshops, events, presentations, website, brochures, displays, field trips, social media and advertising.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Plan development, maintenance and updates, website development and maintenance, Facilitation of countywide collaboration and prioritization of fuel reduction projects, effectiveness monitoring.

Firewise USA Countywide program coordination, community start up support, grant development and management assistance for Firewise Communities, annual coordination meeting of Firewise Communities, outreach and recruitment.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Shaded Fuelbreaks, Brushing, Mastication, Roadside Clearing, Salvage/Dead Tree Removal
- Collaboration with fire agencies, local government, and other interested parties
- Development & maintenance of Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), 2003 & 2024
- Highway 108 Strategic Fire Plan
- Plainview slash disposal site
- Brochure Printing & Publishing
- Presentations, booths, displays at community events
- Community chipping program (funding dependent)
- Development & promotion of Firewise Communities program
- Support & assistance to Firewise Communities
- Grant funding for constructing a system of fuel treatments and shaded fuel breaks from Columbia to Twain Harte to Tuolumne City.
- Defensible Space for Seniors and/or disabled (funding dependent)
- Maintenance of currently existing fuelbreaks



2013's Rim Fire alerted communities to take actions to protect themselves from the impacts of wildfire.



When neighbors join forces to create Firewise communities, everyone benefits, gaining access to funding and assistance for their efforts.



Twain Harte Heights Firewise Community, Twain Harte, CA



Collaboration, Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development.

FIREWISE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Join your neighbors to reduce wildfire risk! Become a Firewise Community

The Firewise USA Program is free.

It is a grass roots 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 get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

By joining together, we can accomplish more than we can individually.

BENEFITS OF A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

- Reduced risk to life and property
- Get a Framework for Action
- Community building & citizen pride
- Sharing resources, helping neighbors
- Access to funding & assistance
- Discounts on fire insurance with most insurance providers. Check with your provider to see if they participate.

Today, there are more than 2,298 communities participating in 40 states. California has 740. As of 2023, there were 18 recognized Firewise Communities in Tuolumne County and more are in progress.

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

Additional information can be found on www.tuolumnefiresafe.org/firewise/ or contact our Firewise Coordinator at tcfirewise@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) FOR TUOLUMNE COUNTY

A CWPP is a collaborative planning document that helps communities reduce wildfire risk.

CWPPs are in use across the country and at a variety of scales. Signed by the local fire district, government and state forestry agency, CWPPs represent an opportunity for diverse community stakeholders to meaningfully engage in their local wildfire risk reduction actions.

In 2022, the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council received a grant award from the CAL FIRE Prevention Grants Program to complete a county-wide CWPP update. This update

was completed in February 2024. The CWPP is a living document, regularly updated as conditions evolve.

BENEFITS OF A CWPP

- Federal Grants require a current CWPP to be in place to qualify.
- Allows grant proponents to focus resources on shared priorities, promoting more efficiency and reducing redundancy and competition for the same limited resources.
- Identifies actions and priorities to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfires.
- Identifies community level actions and home hardening practices.