FIREWISE
A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

WHAT IS FIREWISE

Firewise USA® is a national community-based program administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that encourages homeowners to take individual responsibility for preparing their homes and properties for the risk of wildfire. It is an:

- Education-focused program to help homeowners adapt to living with wildfires and encourages neighbors to work together to act now to prevent losses
- Volunteer-led program focusing on defensible space, home hardening, and forest stewardship

BECOME A LEAD

- Community Lead/Co-Leads will be the primary point of contact for Sierra RCD, CAL FIRE, NFPA and residents
- Log community hours and investments, collaborate with Sierra RCD and other agencies to develop possible projects that make the community more fire-safe, identify areas of improvement within the community and direct those needs to future action plans.

STEPS TO FIREWISE



01 Form a team

You need 8 households to participate and to appoint at least one lead

02 Assess fire risk

Sierra RCD offers free Fire Risk Evaluations for homeowners to help build a Community Risk Assessment

03 Make a plan

With Sierra RCD, create a 3-Year Action Plan from the results of the Community Risk Assessment

04 Engage the community

The community is required to contribute AT LEAST 1 hour of work per home annually to the Firewise Community

05 Apply for recognition

Create a Firewise portal to upload materials and add Sierra RCD Firewise Coordinators to it for reviewing and submission!

GETTING STARTED

- You need at least 8 residents.
- Each resident must document at least 1 hour of work a year on their property to be turned into your Firewise lead to stay a part of the community
- Attend 1 educational community gathering a year on the importance of defensible space, home hardening, evacuation plans, etc

ARE YOU FIREWISE?

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SIERRA RCD'S ROLE

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Firewise USA® program is designed to encourage and assist communities in taking responsibility for their own wildfire risk by implementing proactive measures to reduce the likelihood of wildfire damage. The program provides resources and guidance to help communities develop and maintain fire-resistant landscapes and buildings, thereby enhancing their overall resilience to wildfires.

The Sierra Resource Conservation District has taken the lead on coordinating Firewise Communities within Eastern Fresno County. By participating in the Firewise USA® program, communities can significantly reduce their risk of wildfire damage, protect lives and properties, and enhance their overall safety and resilience in the face of increasing wildfire threats. Sierra RCD can help with the creation of:

- Community Risk Assessments
- Boundary Map
- 3-Year Action Plans
- Educational gatherings, and more!

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FIREWISE MAP

Scan this QR code to check out the National Fire Protection Association's interactive map of current Firewise communities to see if there is one near you! Contact one of our Firewise Coordinators below to confirm whether you are already in a Firewise community or not.

FREE FIRE RISK EVALUATIONS

The Sierra Resource Conservation District offers free Fire Risk Evaluations. These evaluations are invitation based, which means you invite us onto your property where we will assess your home's hardening, defensible space, and forest stewardship. We compile this assessment into a report that is confidential, we don't share this information with anyone else or any other organizations, it's just for you.

The report is not something we enforce; it holds standard recommendations for you to use as a tool from an expert on how to improve your property to better withstand a wildfire. These evaluations help inform your Community Risk Assessment, so get yours today!

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