

What is Firewise USA®?

Learning about NFPA's national recognition program for wildfire risk reduction

Presentation courtesy National Fire Protection Association

AGENDA About the program Benefits **Getting started**





FIREWISE USA®

RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

- Individual responsibility
- Encourages neighbors to work together
- Voluntary participation
- A means to decrease risk for residents and first responders









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- Created in 2002 by NFPA with support from USDA Forest Service and State Forestry organizations
- Addresses risk on private property





Participation

- Active in 42 states
- Over 1500 participating sites
- Increased growth in areas recently affected by wildfire



Benefits – Why Participate?

- Framework for action
- Learn about wildfire
- Get peace of mind
- Community-building
- Build citizen pride
- Access to resources
- USAA discounts (some states)



Members of Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade at April 15 work day - Carol Eggink



Steps to Achieving National Recognition



- Organize It!
- Plan It!





- Do It!
- Tell us about it!





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ORGANIZE IT

- Obtain a wildfire risk assessment
- Form a board/committee comprised of residents and other wildfire stakeholders

PLAN IT

- Develop a multi-year action plan based on the site's risk reduction priorities
- DO IT
 - Host a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event
 - Meet the minimum wildfire risk reduction investment
- TELL US ABOUT IT
 - Create a Firewise USA[®] Portal account and submit an application to your state Firewise USA liaison



Firewise USA® Website

- Steps and resources to assist new and returning sites
- Access Firewise
 USA® program
 management portal

www.firewise.org





