

RESIDENT FIREWISE REPORT



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Wildfires are not if, but when! You can prepare and defend your property and home by careful selection and maintenance of vegetation and materials. The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) "Firewise USA" program, backed by experience and research, was established to provide support to help residents reduce their wildfire risk. The NFPA requests a report from the community and with requirements met, awards annually a national recognition as a 'Firewise USA' community site. Part of the report includes community's efforts in time or expense on home/property to lower the wildfire risk. (Learn more at <https://Firewise.org> or <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu> see Preparing for Wildfires)

Examples of reporting activities are:

ZONE 1* (home to 5 feet): Clean roof, gutters, and decks (above and below) of vegetation debris and flammable material. Install 1/8" metal mesh screening at vents and home openings to keep embers out. Replace organic mulch with non-flammable landscape material, i.e. crushed gravel, within 5' of home. Landscape vegetation recommended low growing (no-woody) plants, irrigated lawn. Trim back tree branches and tree canopy minimum of 10 ft from home, porches or decks.

ZONE 2* (5-30 feet): Irrigate and mow lawn. Create small fuel breaks with hardscape features i.e. stone paths, walls, and patios. Thin and space vegetation and group trees to create a discontinuous path or islands. Space tree canopy 10 ft. between groupings. Remove lower tree branches, dead vegetation, woody shrubs positioned under trees and plants containing high resins, oil, waxes (juniper, palm).

ZONE 3* (30-100 feet): Move flammable material-firewood, wood piles, etc.-30 feet out from home. Prune low hanging branches of large trees -up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground, (branch removal should not exceed 1/3 of tree height). Space trees and brush. Remove dead vegetation regularly.

DATE	HOURS or \$	* ZONE	ACTIVITY

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