



Special points of interest:

- **How to be firewise**
- **How to evacuate and what to take**
- **Fire Restrictions pertaining to our neighborhood**
- **Emergency information**

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Are You Ready?

From Your Firewise Committee -

Highland Pines is considered a high-hazard fire environment. However, many homeowners are ill-prepared to survive an intense wildfire. Our ability to live safely in this fire environment depends on pre-fire activities – the actions taken *before* a wildfire occurs. This brochure is intended to help you protect your family, guests and property.

Please use this information to be ready if Yavapai County issues a “Ready, Set, Go” emergency status:

- **Take time now to plan and prepare in advance** – Increase the safety and survivability of your family, friends, tenants and property.
- **Post the important phone numbers and evacuation route map** in your home – Drive the evacuation route a few times a year; don’t wait to be evacuated to find it.
- **Inform anyone using your property** – Make sure they know about fire restrictions and how to evacuate safely.
- **Create defensible space** – Give firefighters a chance to defend your property.

Our firefighters, specifically the Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority or CAFMA, issue fire regulations and serve as our first responders. They make countless preparations for wildfire. Residents need to do the same. Preparing for a wildfire requires you as the property owner take personal responsibility for yourself, family and property. A wildfire creates chaos, and there may not be much time to react. **Getting ready in advance can save lives.**

Highland Pines is especially fortunate to have a dedicated Firewise committee made up of experienced retired forest service personal and grant writers. Our HP community includes people who know how to evaluate properties for fire mitigation and who have worked tirelessly to secure funding to get most of that work paid for, or performed at minimal cost to residents.

Ultimately, however, it is up to property owners to continue doing the work necessary to keep your property safe. Defensible space around your home is so important. **Give the firefighters a chance to save your property!**

It’s not a question of *if*, but *when* the next wildfire will occur!