



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Forest Lakes

Firewise Program Update May 2026



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

The Forest Lakes Firewise Program related information and forms can be found at the FLFD website

<https://flfdaz.com/firewise>



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Program Update

Firewise Kick-off in April

DFFM Completed the Forest Lakes Fire Assessment

FLFD Hosted a Successful Firewise Preparedness Day

3-yr Plan Submitted for Final Approval by DFFM

**Application Submitted for Approval by DFFM
this included the YTD program tracking data**



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

DFFM Firewise Liaison statement following Fire Assessment:

From what I observed, a few of the most straightforward and cost-effective mitigation steps include:

1. Keeping roofs, decks, and the immediate zone (0-5 feet) around structures clear of needle debris and down to bare soil
2. Moving wood piles at least 30 feet away from structures
3. Bringing patio furniture indoors during fire season

We look forward to continuing to support Forest Lakes and building on the great work already underway.

<https://flfdaz.com/firewise>



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

FLFD Hosted a Successful Firewise Preparedness Day – 2 May @ GWS

free hot dogs, chips & drinks
Firewise pamphlets





FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Firewise Tracking Data

Forest Lakes has 976 lots so to be “in good standing” we need to show 976 volunteer hours towards Firewise efforts or \$33,955.04, where the conversion is \$34.79/hr.

We have had 183 GWS loads or approximately 582 cu yds as of the end of April.

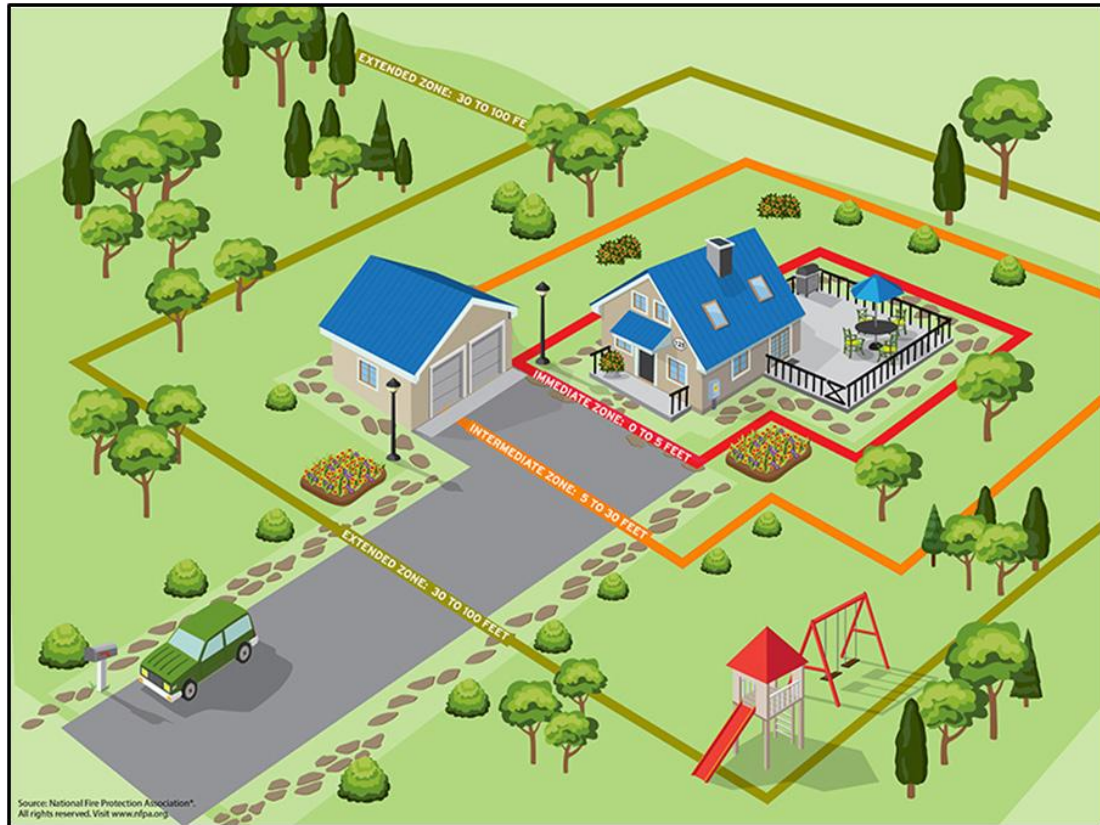
In conjunction with the 183 loads are 693 hours of needle raking and lot cleaning as well as 294 hours of meetings and events (Kick-off mtg & 2 May GWS).

On cost, we have \$1,635 in equipment costs from folks (cherry picker, etc), \$9,050 in contractor costs for folks that paid to have their lots cleaned or their cost of the hazardous fuel grant, and \$1,830 in miscellaneous costs (GWS dump costs).

When the hours are converted to dollars then we have \$34,337.73 in hours and \$12,515.00 in actual costs, for a total of \$46,852.73, or 138% of our requirement for the year.



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks



Firewise Zones

0-5 ft Immediate Zone

5-30 ft Intermediate Zone

30-100 ft Extended Zone



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Ember Video

https://youtu.be/lvbNOPSYyss?si=VY_Lrh6COkio_Y_f

Forest Fires are survivable and it's the little things in the 0 to 5 foot range that will make a difference.



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Ready, Set, Go

When you are in Forest Lakes it is assumed that you are in the READY mode. If a critical fire does occur, the first command will be SET.

While in READY:

list of things you need to grab if the SET command comes (the 5 Ps)

list of things you need to do around the house before you leave

5 P's of Evacuation

People and Pets and other animals/livestock and supplies.

Prescriptions with dosages, medicines, medical equipment, vision and hearing aids, batteries and power cords, face coverings, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.

Papers including important documents (hard copies and/or electronic copies saved on external hard drives or thumb drives), insurance papers, contacts.

Personal Needs including clothing, water, baby supplies, food, cash, credit cards, first aid kits, phones, and chargers. Items for people with access and/or functional needs, such as older adults and children.

Priceless items including photos, irreplaceable mementos and other valuables.



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Questions