

Firewise, USA® Communities

Many communities in California (and other states) have been collaborating and working together to make their individual properties and immediate surrounds more fire safe. Many California communities who have achieved a Firewise USA® designation have benefited by reduced insurance premiums

This Firewise USA® program, led by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), offers a structured approach for communities to enhance their wildfire resilience in California. This initiative promotes collaborative efforts among residents, local fire departments, and other key stakeholders to bolster the fire resistance of homes and surrounding areas. Integral to California's wildfire preparedness strategy, the program is supported by Cal Fire's Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division, aiding communities in achieving Firewise USA® designations.

Visit Cal Fire's <Readyforwildfire.org> for specific California criteria including required templates for the wildfire assessment and action plan. It is necessary to have a Riverside County regional coordinator to aid in this effort: Access the "California Firewise USA® jurisdiction map" to contact such a person. The group at <MySafeRiverside.org> are well versed in this project and can advise communities on how to proceed.