



Bay City

Firewise Action Plan



FIREWISE USA™
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Firewise Bay City is organized under the direction of the Bay City Emergency Volunteers (BCEV). NFPA's Firewise Communities Program is intended to serve as a resource for organizations and communities who are working toward a common goal: Reduce the loss of lives, properties and resources to wild land fire, by building and maintaining communities in a way compatible with our natural surroundings.

The Firewise Community's goal is to promote community wide participation to achieve that goal. Updated information on how Firewise "saves" can be found on the Firewise website at www.firewise.org.

BCEV is taking the steps toward recognition as a Firewise Community. Step One is to conduct a Wildfire Risk Assessment that was completed February 2023 by Oregon Natural Forestry, LLC. Step Two is to produce an Action Plan that is reviewed and updated at least every three years. Step Three is to execute that action. No other steps are required if the greater community cannot recognize the importance of participating in Wildfire Reduction

Year One – 2023

1. Public outreach via email, regular mail and local news sources. Mail at least one yearly newsletter. Provide educational materials, brochures, forms for tracking work, meeting schedules and most importantly participation opportunities. The first year should be the most difficult, as many residents and landowners do not understand the terms and definitions involving Wildfire mitigation.
2. Encourage all community members to sign up for the County's Emergency Notification System.
3. BCEV has a web page at www.bcevor.org. Develop a drop-down menu to access information pertaining to Firewise.



4. Be active on the local Facebook pages promoting Bay City Firewise.
5. Develop a streamlined reporting system for reporting Firewise investments, be it hours or money spent.
6. Recruit community members to become Defensible Space Advisors. Recruit for a trained Wildfire Mitigation Specialist within the Fire Department.
7. Encourage committee participation.
8. Offer defensible space inspections to all landowners.
9. Plan at least one Vegetation Removal Day for community participation. Keep track of dollars spent and/or hours worked.
10. Coordinate with local Fire Department to identify the first critical locations that require mitigation.
11. Contact the local PUD and explain our program and ask them to become more proactive in right of way clearing.
12. Contact County Community Development Manager and encourage building code updates to reduce structure fires from wildfires.
13. If all criteria are met, file paperwork for recognition as a Firewise Community with ODF's National Fire Plan Coordinator (Christi Shaw).

Year Two – 2024

1. Continue public outreach from Year One. Identify successful types of outreach and focus on those, eliminate non-productive effort.
2. Check to insure the most current information is available on BCEV website.
3. Analyze which Facebook pages, if any, are successful in reaching property owners. Pursue the successful ones, and drop the unsuccessful.
4. Check activity of Defensible Space Advisors and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.
5. Continue defensible space inspections.
6. Plan at least one Vegetation Removal day for community participation. Keep track of dollars spent and/or hours worked.



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7. Coordinate with local Fire Department to identify second critical locations that require mitigation.
8. Stay in contact with local PUD.
9. Contact County Community Development Manager and encourage building code updates to reduce structure fires from wildfires.
10. If all criteria are met, file paperwork for recognition as a Firewise Community with ODF's National Fire Plan Coordinator (Christi Shaw).

Year Three – 2025

1. Continue public outreach from prior two years and drill down on successful types of outreach.
2. Check BCEV website information for accuracy.
3. Continue Facebook postings, if proven successful.
4. Check activity of Defensible Space Advisors and Wildlife Mitigation Specialist.
5. Continue defensible space inspections.
6. Plan at least one Vegetation Removal Day for community participation. Keep track of dollars spent and/or hours worked.
7. Coordinate with local Fire Department to identify third critical locations that require mitigation.
8. Stay in contact with local PUD.
9. Contact County Community Development Manager and encourage building code updates to reduce structure fires from wildfires.
10. If all criteria are met, file paperwork for recognition as a Firewise Community with ODF's National Fire Plan Coordinator (Christi Shaw).



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