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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Office of the State Fire Marshal
Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation

Firewise Renewals

Overview

- Renewals are required YEARLY
- The 2025 Renewal Application deadline is November 21st, 2025
 - Notifications will be sent from NFPA prior at 30 | 7 | 1 day prior to due date (Possibly Sooner)
- If an Application was submitted in 2025, the next renewal requirement is November of the following year in 2026.
- Up to each individual community to submit renewals and corrections in a timely manner or risk not being renewed and/or address data being available.
- New California 3-Year action plan was approved March 2025 and new Firewise communities as well as action plans that have expired will need to use the new template.

2025 Renewal Application

START RENEWAL APPLICATION



2025 Firewise Renewal Application

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Update your site contact information



Please Update your Site Information

If you have no updates, please select the continue button below.

Fields with * are required.

Update your Site Contact Information

Street address *

City *

State *

Zip code *

☒ I would also like to add my P.O. Box

PO Box



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2025 Firewise Renewal Application

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Overview



Please Update your Site Information

If you have no updates, please select the continue button below.

Fields with * are required.

Roles

Resident Leaders

[Redacted]

Regional Coordinators

[Redacted]

MANAGE CONTACTS

Site Details

Name: [Redacted]

How many dwelling units are in the boundary of your Firewise site?*

[Redacted]

Number of Residents

[Redacted]

Community Website

[Redacted]

For example, a social media page, HOA or neighborhood website such as <http://www.hoawebsite.com>

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State Requirements



Please review the section below to see if your state has additional program requirements.

If applicable in your state - download and review the additional requirements before beginning your application.

California State Requirements

Sites seeking renewal status must copy their current 3 Year Action Plan over to the [California specific 3 Year Action Plan template](#). This template will focus preparedness and prevention goals in the areas of; Education and Outreach, Fuel reduction, Home hardening, Evacuation planning, and Wildfire preparedness.

Please note that based on your documents effective date, you will still be required to submit a new Action Plan every 3 years and a new Risk Assessment every 5 years.

☐ I have reviewed my state's requirements.*

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Update Your Risk Assessment

The assessment of the area within the site's boundary is an important component of your application and is instrumental in developing the action plan's risk reduction priorities. Download the [Risk Assessment Template here](#).

Effective January 2018: All risk assessments need to be updated at a minimum of every five years. **Please Note:** Your risk assessment will need to be updated in 2025. You may elect to update it sooner than that date. If you have a new assessment it may be updated now.

Name of agency, organization, or individual that conducted the risk assessment

How do you want to provide the site's Risk Assessment?*

- ☐ Upload a new Risk Assessment
- ☒ Reuse the current Assessment

Date Assessment Completed

Previous year file

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Update Your Board/Committee (Optional)

Each Firewise site is required to have a board/committee that develops and oversees the implementation of the action plan, educational outreach activities and annual renewal process. This can be an already existing board/committee.

☒ Yes, I have established a board/committee *

Would you like to enter your member's information? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Would you like to Update your Board? If no, please continue.

Email *



First Name *

Last Name *

Phone Number

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Update Your Action Plan



A multi-year action plan created by the designated board/committee, using the risk assessment document as a tool to determine priorities for the area within the identified boundaries, is required for all applicants. Action Plans are a prioritized list of mitigation investments, risk reduction projects and education activities that participants will strive to complete each year.

Effective January 2018: All action plans must be updated at a minimum of every three years. **Please Note:** Your action plan will need to be updated in 2026. You may elect to update it sooner than that date. If you have a new action plan it may be updated now.

How do you want to provide the site's Action Plan? *

- ☒ Upload a new Action Plan
- ☐ Reuse the current Action Plan

▼ Attach Completed Action Plan

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Educational Outreach

Each participating site is required to hold a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event or activity annually. Please provide details of your annual activities in the section below.

Record an Activity or Event

What educational outreach activities were completed? *

- ☐ Completed a national Wildfire Community Preparedness Day project (1st Saturday in May)
- ☐ Coordinated a community-wide awareness/educational activity that increases wildfire risk reduction actions and overall preparedness
- ☐ Delivered via door-to-door, information on the community's wildfire danger
- ☐ Distributed "Welcome packets" with wildfire literature to all new residents
- ☐ Evacuation drill in collaboration with a law enforcement agency, fire department or local emergency manager
- ☐ Held a fire-resistant plant species workshop for residents in collaboration w/the local cooperative extension office
- ☐ HOA meeting or community-wide presentation that detailed the need and importance for individual wildfire preparedness
- ☐ Local emergency manager provided a presentation on building an emergency preparedness kit
- ☐ Mentored adjacent communities on how to become a Firewise site
- ☐ Provided an insurance policy clinic for residents to ensure policies are up-to-date with local building codes and costs, and inventories of personal

☒ Other

Describe your activity or event *

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Vegetation Removal

A major component of wildfire risk reduction is the removal of vegetation (shrubs, brush, limbs, trees, etc.) from individual properties and common-area property. Tracking vegetation removal provides forestry and fire agencies with information on the quantity of potential wildfire fuel that's been eliminated from the area(s).

Was vegetation within the site's boundary removed during this calendar year?

RECORD A REMOVAL



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Risk Reduction Investment

Investing the equivalent of one volunteer hour (valued at \$33.49), per residential dwelling unit within the site's boundary, in annual wildfire risk reduction actions is a requirement of the national recognition program's criteria for maintaining an "In Good Standing" status.

Total Investment for 2025

⊗ Investment Not Met

Total: Required:

\$0 of **\$11,161.80**

Per Dwelling Unit: Required:

\$0 of **\$33.49**

Record an Investment

Risk reduction actions, activities and expenses that occurred throughout the current calendar year are eligible for use in meeting the site's annual renewal investment requirement. [A list of Time and Expense Investment examples is available at Firewise.org.](#)

RECORD HOURS WORKED ⊕

RECORD MONEY SPENT ⊕

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Review



Application Review

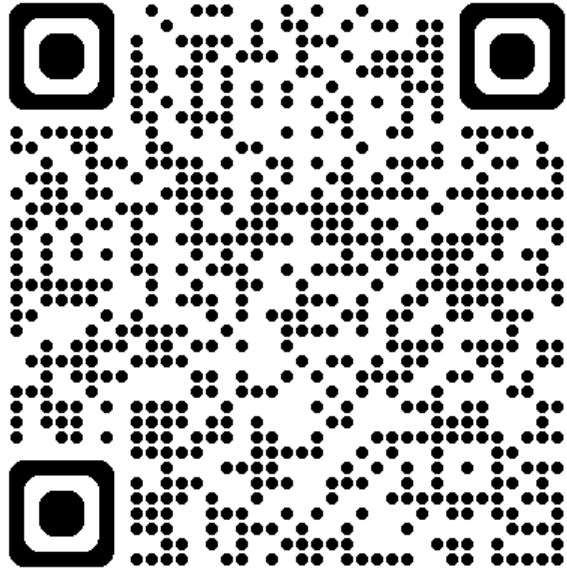
Please review each section of the application below.

PRINT APPLICATION

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