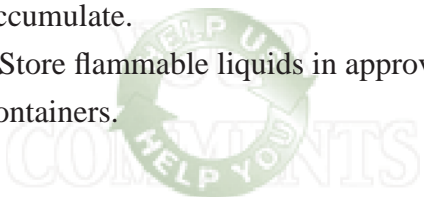




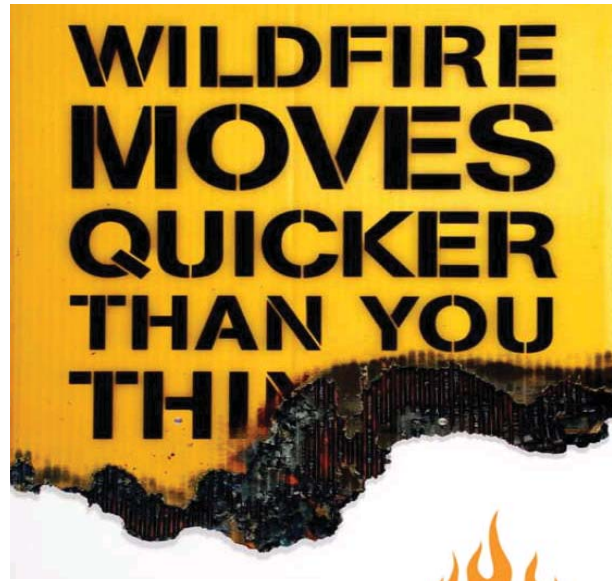
The Firewise Home

- Maintain a survivable space around the house.
- A large green lawn is ideal.
- Remove overhanging tree limbs, moss, and needles from the roof and gutters.
- Remove highly flammable vegetation from around the house, especially on the side most exposed to prevailing winds, and on the downhill slope.
- Stack firewood away from the house.
- Keep storage areas clean and tidy.
- Never allow rags or newspapers to accumulate.
- Store flammable liquids in approved containers.



Who is FireWise?
It is all members of the community including the agencies and organizations that assist us.
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The National Firewise Communities program is a multi-agency effort designed to reach beyond the fire service by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, and others in the effort to protect people, property, and natural resources from the risk of wildland fire - before a fire starts.

The Firewise Communities approach emphasizes community responsibility for planning in the design of a safe community as well as effective emergency response, and individual responsibility for safer home construction and design, landscaping, and maintenance.

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The Firewise Communities/USA recognition program enables communities in all parts of the United States to achieve a high level of protection against wildland/urban interface fire as well as sustainable ecosystem balance.

Firewise Communities/USA program provides residents of the wildland/urban interface with the knowledge and skill necessary to make it happen.

Firewise Communities/USA is a unique opportunity available to America's fire-prone communities. Its goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that minimizes home loss to wildfire. It teaches you to prepare for a fire before it occurs. The program adapts especially well to small communities, developments and residential associations of all types. Firewise Communities/USA is a simple, three-legged template that is easily adapted to different locales.



For thousands of years, we have enjoyed beautifying our surroundings. From the earliest recorded gardens of the Egyptians in 3000 BC. to today's landscaping, the principles of unity, balance, proportion, and variety remain as the basic design tools of landscape architects, designers, and nursery professionals.

The best examples are those whose designs accomplish the central objective of landscaping - to bring the building and its surroundings into harmony.

When adequately prepared, a house can withstand a wildland fire without the intervention of the fire service. In fact, a house and its surrounding community can be both Firewise and compatible with the area's ecosystem.

Firewise landscaping can create a line of defense against the threat of wildfire by creating a safety zone or "survivable space" around your home. The goal is to break the chain of flammable materials between your home and the wildland.

Examine the yard.

- What can catch fire and carry it to the house?
- Do firefighters have a safety zone for battling the flames?
- Are you sure firefighters can safely find and reach your home?

You can landscape for fire protection while maintaining a natural look to your surroundings. Consider hardiness zones and planting sites when choosing new plants. Some plants are more fire resistant than others. Group together plants with similar water needs, and space them in your landscape to create a "fuel mosaic" that will conserve water and protect against a "fire ladder." Once a firewise landscape has been installed, it must be regularly watered and maintained to preserve its fire resistance.

