



**FIREWISE USA**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

## ***How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan***

*Template designed for PC and may have minor formatting issues on Mac*

Thank you for doing your part in protecting your community against wildfire. When possible, please seek guidance from your local fire official or your Firewise USA Regional Coordinator when completing this document, this inclusion can provide you and your community with peace of mind that experienced recommendations are focusing your community's time and efforts. Goals for this plan ***must*** include the "Recommendations" located on page 9 for the Firewise USA Risk Assessment document.

Also, as part of the annual renewal process communities must host one outreach event per year and work with neighbors on addressing items within the action plan as required by Firewise USA.

Please note that defensible space is required at all times for all buildings or structures within California's State Responsibility Area under Public Resource Code 4291 and for Local Governments with designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones under Government Code 51182. Consult your local fire authority for local defensible space requirements if your community is outside of the land classifications above.

1. Double click in the page 2 header area and enter the name of your Firewise Community and enter the 3-year span this action plan will apply to.
2. Community description. Enter a brief description of your community. An example has been provided for you, but please replace with your own community description.
3. In the Year banner, enter the year that will apply to the Year 1 efforts. Repeat this step for years 2 and 3, entering the consecutive years.
4. Utilizing the numbered points, enter the tasks that have been identified by your community. You can add additional numbered tasks you have identified for your community; however, the Program Topics must be utilized.
5. To add additional goals under each category, simply use the last, pre-identified numbered point, to add as necessary.
6. The document will auto format and expand as information is entered.
7. Once the document is completed it can be submitted through the Firewise Portal.

Helpful links for creating a three-year action plan.

NPFA Firewise USA, "Find examples of activities that count towards your investment" ([Here](#))

CAL FIRE Defensible Space ([Here](#))

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](#))

California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfire Information ([Here](#))

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# Community Name



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*Please enter a brief description of your community and delete the example below*

Our local community with approximately \_\_\_\_ households is located\_\_\_\_. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan is consistent with the current risk assessment. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient.”

## Year 1 – FY 2023

### Education and Outreach Goals

1. Expand and update our contact list of neighbors to increase educational outreach and participation at Firewise meetings
2. Utilize the on-line training, videos, and other resources provided by Fire Safe Marin to educate our residents about home hardening and fire smart landscaping. Topics identified in the Risk Assessment include: roofing, vent screening, protecting combustible siding and decks, removing debris from roof and gutters, maintaining a non combustible zone in first five feet of home and utilizing horizontal and vertical separation of fuels in zones 2 & 3.
3. Conduct an annual neighborhood walk to assess wildfire safety progress in our neighborhood
4. Promote importance of the MWPA home evaluation program and the curbside chipper program.
5. Encourage residents to attend Ember Stomp, Marin’s Annual Wildfire Prevention Festival.

### Home Hardening Goals

1. Taking a home out approach, work with residents to prioritize reduction of wildfire hazards found in Zone 0, the first 5 ft. around the house.
2. Utilize information from the MWPA home evaluation program to guide and inform residents to properly screen vents, enclose soffits, protect wood siding, install multi-paned windows, and remove combustible material in Zone 0,
3. Promote use of grants from the Marin Wildfire Authority and other agencies to fund home hardening projects.

### Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Utilize information from the MWPA home evaluation program to guide and inform residents to remove combustible materials in Zone 0, create horizontal and vertical separation in Zone 1, limb trees and thin canopy in Zone 2, work with land management agencies to reduce fuel loads in public spaces and wildlands.
2. Promote use of green bins to remove accumulated fuels through regular maintenance

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3. Promote use of grants from the Marin Wildfire Authority and other Marin agencies to fund
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## Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

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3. Utilize Fire Safe Marin educational materials to inform the public about how to prepare families for safe evacuation.

## Year 2 - FY 2024

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