## Fire Safe Marin's Website Gets a New Look!

Fire Safe Marin's comprehensive website is a vital tool for residents looking to safeguard their homes, families, and communities against the devastating impacts of wildfires. Our website has recently been revised extensively and updated. Here's a glimpse of what you can expect to find:

**New Design:** Fire Safe Marin provides educational materials suitable for all levels of experience. From articles and videos to downloadable guides, users can learn about personal preparedness and evacuation planning, home hardening, fire-safe landscaping, and more. The website pages are now standardized and information is easier to find. There are many more photos and videos to help illustrate the various ways to protect your family and home from wildfire.

**Emergency Preparedness:** In times of crisis, knowing what to do can make all the difference. Fire Safe Marin offers practical guidance on emergency planning and evacuation procedures, ensuring that residents are well-prepared to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of a wildfire.

**Home Hardening:** Buildings ignite during wildfires as a result of one or more of these three basic wildfire exposures: embers, radiant heat, and direct flame contact. The most common source of home ignition is from embers. Learn how to protect your home from ember ignition by installing proper vents, removing combustible materials next to your home, sealing any opening into the home, enclosing soffits, installing tempered glass double pane windows and correctly installing gutters and gutter guards.

**Fire Smart Landscaping:** This is built around the concept of creating space in your yard. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and any combustible material. This space, along with horizontal and vertical separation between vegetation, is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space provides firefighters a safe area to work in to defend your home.

**Community Engagement:** Fire Safe Marin fosters a sense of community by encouraging residents to join the Firewise USA program. The Firewise USA Program encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. The program provides resources to help homeowners learn how to adapt to living with wildfire while encouraging and empowering neighbors to work together to take action now to reduce their wildfire risk and prevent losses.

Fire Safe Marin's website is not just a resource; it's a vital tool for building resilience against wildfires. By leveraging the information and tools available, residents can take meaningful steps towards creating safer, more fire-resilient communities.

Visit Fire Safe Marin online today and take the first step towards safeguarding your home and loved ones against the threat of wildfires. Together, we can build a more fire safe Marin County.



