



Firewise Landscaping: Strategies to Prepare Your Home and Property for Wildfire

Preparing or Hardening Your Home: Defensible Space

Top 3 Picks:

1. **CAL FIRE, Prepare for Wildfire:** <https://www.readyforwildfire.org> and <https://www.fire.ca.gov>
2. **Free Firescape Booklet:** https://www.ebmud.com/files/3215/9908/3377/Firescape_updated_September_2020.pdf
3. **How to Become Firewise - USA Site:** <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Become-a-Firewise-USA-site>

Other Valuable Resources:

- ✓ Check your local fire agency's website for valuable information for your home's the specific area (city, etc.).
- **Lamorinda CERT:** Local fire agency's Evacuation and Information Links: <https://www.lamorindacert.org> and <https://www.lamorindacert.org/resource/evacuate/>
- **City of Richmond:** English and Spanish Wildfire Preparedness & Evacuation Guide. <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3627/Wildfire-Information>
- **Federal Government Wildfire Preparedness:** <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>
- **PG&E - How to Create Defensible Space:** <https://www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com/> -
- **FEMA Publication on Defensible Space:** https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1652-20490-9209/fema_p_737_fs_4.pdf
- **CA Fire Safe Counsel - A Coalition of public & private organizations with an interest in wildfire prevention and loss mitigation through pre-fire management:** <https://cafiresafecouncil.org>
- **CA State Fire Marshal** - mission is to protect life and property through the development and application of fire prevention engineering, education and enforcement: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov>
- **UC Laboratory** that tests the fire performance of construction materials: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/forestry/>
- **National Fire Protection Agency Website:** <https://www.nfpa.org>
National Wildfire Coordinating Group Website: <https://www.nwccg.gov>
- *Protecting and Landscaping Homes in the Wildland/Urban Interface.* Barkley, Y.C., C. Schnepf, and J. Cohen. 2005. Station Bulletin #67. Moscow, Idaho: Idaho Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station. www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/22257.
- *How Can We Live With Wildland Fire?* University of California, Davis Department of Human and Community Development, 1 Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616. 44 p
- *Introduction to Wildland Fire* (2nd edition), by Stephen J. Pyne, New York, John Wiley and Sons, 1996.

- *The Defensible Space and Healthy Forest Handbook: A Guide to Reducing the Wildfire Threat.* Placer County Rcd, 251 Auburn Ravine Rd, Set. 201, Auburn, CA 95603

Preparing Your Home: Emergency Supplies & Notifications

Below is a list of emergency related alerts and resources to help you stay informed of emergencies in your area. Click on the **blue highlighted text** to get to be directed to the listed organization's website.

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| <u>Contra Costa County's County Warning System (CWS)</u> | <i>Issues alerts (email, phone and text) when there are imminent threats of life or health in Contra Costa County. This service is operated by the Office of the Sheriff and Department of Health Services in Contra Costa County. On-line enrollment allows you to add multiple phone and email addresses yourself and additional family members.</i> |
| CalFire's Cell Phone App | <i>Register for push notification and access to many fireescaping resources on this free mobile phone app</i> |
| Nixle: | <i>Text your zip code to 888-777 to receive alerts on severe weather, criminal activities, and more.</i> |
| Pulse Point: | <i>A mobile phone app that allows users to view and receive alerts on calls being responded to by fire departments and emergency medical services.</i> |
| <u>PG&E:</u> | <i>Update Your Contact Information & Set Up Push Notifications for Emergency Alerts</i> |
| <u>National Weather Service:</u> | <i>Red Flag Warning web page</i> |

Both PG&E and CalFire offer checklists to help assemble the necessary supplies for your home in cases of an emergency. Additionally, CalFire provides great resources on how to prepare your family to evacuate from a fire, including tips for families with young children.

PG&E Printable Checklist: [Emergency Supply Kit Checklist](#)

CalFire's Website List: [Emergency Supply Kit Bullet List](#)

CalFire's Website List: [Preparing Your Family](#)

Preparing Your Property: Firewise Landscaping Resources

- Plant Lists of fire tolerant and fire hazardous plants
 - o **Diablo Fire Safe Council:** [Firesafe\(r\) Plant list](#) from Diablo Firesafe Council, maintained by Sheryl Drinkwater
 - o If you are registered with [Calflora](#) you can access the same fire safe(r) Plant List accompanied by beautiful pictures.
 - o **Ucanr.edu website:** The [Combustibility of Landscape Mulches](#)
 - o **Ucanr.edu website:** [Preparing your Landscape for Fire](#)
 - o **Fire Safe Marin:** [Create a Fire Smart Yard \(6mins. Video\)](#)
 - o **Water Use Classification Species:** [WUCOLS IV, search for plants by location, name, type, and/or water use, and more.](#)

- o **Calscape:** [California Native Society database, search for CA native plants by location, name, type, water use, and more.](#)
- Books
 - o [Firescaping](#), Protecting your Home with a fire-resistant Landscape, by Kent Douglas 2nd edition
 - o [California Wildfire Landscaping](#), by Maureen Gilmer
 - o [The Wildfire Survival Guide](#), Defensive Landscaping to Protect your Family and Home, by Maureen Gilmer