



FIREWISE USA™
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



Firewise USA™ Recognition Program

Community Wildfire Action Plan – Forbes Corridor

Year 1 (2021)

- Education program—Promote and encourage residents to join in FIRE Safe Marin’s 2021 webinars and other wildfire related public education events; plan and present an event to discuss local issues and best-practices; encourage Firewise program participation by adjacent neighborhoods. Create a website.
- Defensible Space— Encourage residents to remove flammables from 0 to 5’ zone and enhance defensible space by removal of juniper, Italian cypress, bamboo, and acacia as per the San Rafael Wildfire Prevention and Protection Action Plan; promote the use of non-flammable mulch. Promote Chipper Days.
- Home-Hardening— Promote the removal of leaf/debris from roofs and the replacement of inadequate vents; encourage residents to seal bottoms of houses and decks with fire resistant materials; promote the use of “breaks” between house and attachments, such as fences, decks and carports
- Responder Access— encourage residents to park cars in driveways during red-flag days to create less cluttered streets.
- Emergency Evacuation— acquire evacuation plan from Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and discuss with residents.

Year 2 (2022)

- Education program— Continue to provide residents with information about FIRE Safe Marin and other wildfire-related online and in-person educational events. Develop an additional local program to educate residents about neighborhood issues. Improve website and measure usage.
- Defensible Space— Continue efforts mentioned above. Sponsor group work projects to help seniors and improve neglected common areas. Increase Chipper Day participation by 25%.
- Home-Hardening— Continue efforts mentioned above. Encourage replacement of flammable siding and decking materials and replacement of single pane window.
- Responder Access— Access is adequate; no further action needed
- Emergency Evacuation— Conduct an evacuation drill in choke point areas.



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Year 3 (2023)

- Education program— Continue to provide residents with information about FIRE Safe Marin and related online and in-person educational events. Develop an educational walk-about to enhance knowledge of local conditions and remedies. Add resources to website.
- Defensible Space— Continue efforts mentioned above. Promote further improvements by highlighting residences with Fire-Smart landscaping. Increase Chipper Day participation by 10%.
- Home-Hardening— Encourage on-going roof and gutter cleaning. Highlight home-hardening resources on website.
- Responder Access— Re-evaluate to assure access is still unencumbered.
- Emergency Evacuation— Provide an evacuation drill with lessons learned for previous year.

Special Efforts

- Work to add to email database by 10% each year. Increase active participation to ensure ongoing success.