



Firewise USA®



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Who Runs The Firewise USA ® Program?



National: National Fire Protective Association (NFPA):

- Global self-funded nonprofit organization,
- Established in 1896
- Devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.
- Manage the Firewise USA ® program at a National Level

STATE OF OREGON



1859



State: Oregon Department of Forestry and other states:

- Oregon State Liason (ODF): (Jenna Trentadue)
- Approve or Reject applications, manage program at a state level.
- Manage any statewide additional rules for the program.



Local: ODF District Offices/Fire Departments/Associations/Other:

- Manage the program with the community on the ground.
- Community assessments, action plans, and technical expertise.



Quick Tips/Renewal Tips:

- **Resident leader changes:** The previous resident leader needs to go into the portal and add a new resident leader using the manage contact system. This will allow the new resident leader to create their own personal log-in.
- Use the **drop down menu** in the renewal application to **navigate to the section** you want to use.
- Access the portal throughout the year (**Firewise USA work does not have to all be done on one day**) and enter your events or investments. Make sure to hit the green “save” button, this will allow you to make additional entries.
- **Dwelling units** in the program do not have to be adjacent to each other, but do need to be in somewhat close proximity. Not all units in your drawn boundary need to be counted toward the dwelling units, only the ones who want to be included in the program.
- USAA is the only insurance company at this time giving discounts for Firewise program.

If you have trouble with renewals there is this 3 minute step-by-step video found on the NFPA website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s79Gmh3NGWk#action=share>

Firewise Benefits?

1. Creates a Framework
for Action
Action Plan/ CWPP
Ready, Set, Go

2. Learning About
Wildfire:
Assessments
Education

3. Peace of Mind
Organization vs. Panic
Safer/ Knowledgeable

4. Community-Building
Firewise education
Cleanup day
Common Goals



Firewise Benefits?

5. Citizen Pride

Self-accountability
Plaque/Annual Renewals

6. Publicity

Firewise USA Nationally
Plaque/Recognized
Signage

7. Access to future

Funding and Assistance
Wildfire Preparedness
Day Grant Funding



Requirements for Firewise USA



- **Community Assessment** done by Fire Experts (local Fire Department or ODF) and community leaders. (updated every 5 yrs.)
- **Create a Board** or Committee that includes residents.
- **Action plan** developed as a multi-year plan (that needs to be updated every 3 years).
- **Firewise Day:** Minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event or fuels reduction event annually.
- **Minimum of 8 dwelling units** with a max of 2,500.
- **Minimum of one volunteer hour** (\$25.43) per each participating dwelling unit annually.

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Questions?



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Residents reducing wildfire risks