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Wildfire Community Preparedness Day



Wildfires across the United States have taken more than 100 lives and cost more than \$25 billion dollars in property losses in just the last two years. That's why it's so important to take steps to improve the wildfire safety of your home and community.

Thank you for participating in a wildfire safety project. We hope that you continue your journey towards wildfire preparedness. We want to hear what you accomplished at [#WildfirePrepDay](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Encourage local participation!

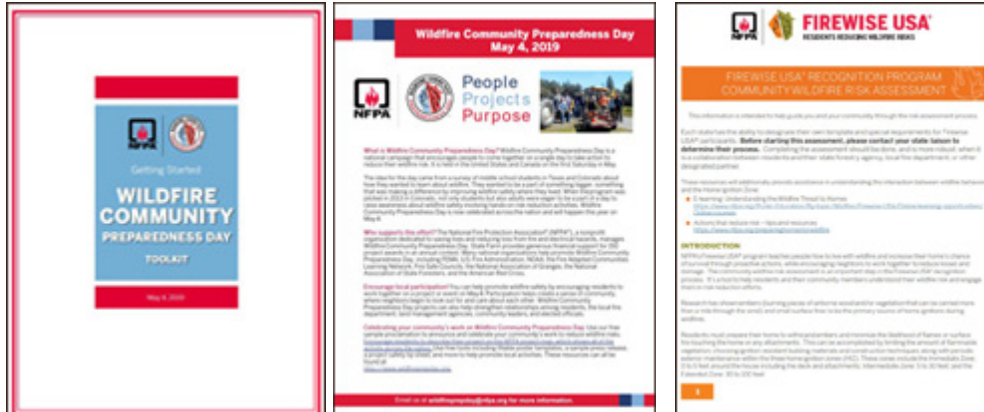
You can help promote wildfire safety by encouraging residents to work together on a project or event. Participation helps create a sense of community, where neighbors begin to look out for each other. Continued efforts and collaboration on project work with partners throughout the year on wildfire safety efforts can also help strengthen relationships between residents and the local fire department, land management agencies, community leaders, and elected officials. [See a list of possible projects.](#)

Share your success and continue your efforts

We have the tools to get you and your community off and running with your own project for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day:

- [Download our toolkit](#), which includes checklists, key steps, safety tips, and much more.
- Distribute our [fact sheet](#) (PDF) to let people know more about the event.

- Get guidelines for [capturing images that tell your story](#) (PDF).
- Use this [news release template](#) (docx) to announce your community's participation.
- One of the criteria for becoming a Firewise USA® recognized site requires participating in an annual wildfire risk reduction project. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a great time to start. [Contact your state liaison](#) to begin a community [wildfire risk assessment](#) (PDF) to identify and guide your priorities and activities for Prep Day and throughout the year.



Take action



Put your project on the map

Demonstrate your commitment to wildfire preparedness by adding your project to the nationwide event map.

Add your project.

Promote your wildfire safety work with these products

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Banner

Promote your Wildfire Community Preparedness Day with this colorful Banner!

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Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Stickers

Volunteers can wear *Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Stickers* to show their community spirit.

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Congratulations to the award winners!

Funding awards were made possible with generous donations from State Farm. Award funding is used for wildfire safety projects. [See the list of winners.](#)

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Motivate neighbors and community members to work together to make where they live a safer place from wildfire.

A worthwhile effort

"We had a very busy May 6 fire fuel reduction project. Approx. 6 tons of dry trees, grasses, shrubs, etc were removed and mulched to be used along the borders to further reduce our fire risks. We are very grateful for the funding that allowed us to make our community a more fire resistant and safer place to live."

Diane "Maka'ala" Kanealii, Executive Director, Kailapa Community Association

"I appreciate your giving us the opportunity to participate in the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. It has been a wonderful chance to work with organizations we don't typically think of when smoke is in the air."

Darron Williams, Bureau of Indian Affairs

More information

- **Toolkit**
- **Project map** Put your Wildfire Community Preparedness Day project on the map.
- **Project ideas** We've developed more than two dozen project ideas for individuals, families and groups.
- **2019 Wildfire Community Preparedness Day project funding award winners**
- **Success stories** Read about some successful projects from Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

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