



Every year wildfires
burn across the
United States. It's
not if, but when your
community sees the
next threat.



More people live in places where wildfire is a risk. But communities are also getting smarter at how to better adapt homes, landscapes, and other community assets to fire. Is your community fire adapted?

Get started today by using the tools available through the Fire Adapted Communities program. Visit www.fireadapted.org – your link to information and resources to help you, your neighbors, and your entire community reduce wildfire risk.

What Does it Mean to be Fire Adapted?

A fire adapted community accepts fire as part of the natural landscape. The community understands its fire risk, and takes action *before* a wildfire to minimize harm to residents, homes, businesses, parks, utilities, and other community assets. These collective actions empower all residents to be safer in their environment. To help prepare your community, consider **your role** in making it fire adapted:

- Build homes with fire-resistant materials
- Landscape gardens using native plants
- Support land management practices in parks, forests and natural areas that reduce wildfire spread to your community
- Encourage the development and implementation of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Work with neighbors to get recognized through the Firewise Communities/USA® Recognition Program
- Encourage your local fire department to participate in the Ready, Set, Go! program
- Prepare an emergency planning kit and safety plan
- Meet with your local forester to better understand your region's unique fire risks
- Locate your community's resident safety zone
- Talk to your insurance agent about your wildfire coverage and how to reduce risk
- Promote the adoption of building codes and local regulations that address structural and site vulnerabilities to wildfire
- Identify shared responsibilities with other community members and explore local tools and solutions

Learn more and find resources at www.fireadapted.org



Start with your home

**Where doing “little”
things can make a
big difference.**

Download a free home wildfire risk assessment and checklist at www.fireadapted.org. This tool will identify your home’s vulnerability to embers and flames and offer effective, affordable solutions.

Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation surrounding your home play a big role in how well your house survives a wildfire. Reduce your risk by making smart landscaping decisions and maintaining your property. Learn how at www.fireadapted.org.



**Wildfire embers can
travel over one mile.
Control what happens
when they land.**



A photograph of three firefighters in full gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, working to control a large wildfire. They are using hoses and equipment in a field of dry grass. The scene is filled with bright orange and red flames and thick black smoke.

Talk to your

fire department

Learn what to expect from your local fire department when the next wildfire approaches your community. Are you prepared for leaving on short notice? Have you determined what needs to go into an emergency kit?

Ask your fire department if they participate in the **Ready, Set, Go!** program. This preparedness program works with citizens to ensure that everyone is ready for the next wildfire. Learn more at www.fireadapted.org.





Source: Front Range Roundtable

Take it one step further: make it a **community** approach

Programs such as **Firewise Communities/USA®** teach you how to use Firewise principles to improve your home's safety. Once you get started, work with your neighbors. These collective actions can lead to national recognition as a Firewise community, and you'll join the hundreds of Firewise communities around the country.

Talk to your local or state forester about whether your community has a **Community Wildfire Protection Plan**. These plans identify valuable assets that might need extra protection in the case of wildfire. You can provide input on what matters most within your community.

Firefighters around the country battle hundreds of wildfires every year. But they can't do it alone.

Find out more at www.fireadapted.org

Know your role – Homeowners, firefighters, emergency responders, land managers, and community leaders all have an important role in preparing their community for the next wildfire.

Know your region – Each area of the country has different landscapes, seasons, and other factors that influence wildfire.

Protect what matters – Homes, businesses, parks, forests, utilities, municipal water supplies, and other community assets are all vulnerable to wildfire.

Find out more – Get national resources, media support, local contacts and more information to support your wildfire risk reduction efforts.



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