



## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

# Fire Safe Councils vs. Firewise USA® Communities

You can't prevent every wildfire—but you can build a stronger, more fire-adapted community.

Understanding the difference between fire safe councils and Firewise USA® communities is just the first step. It's equally important to know what actions to take, how to organize your neighborhood and how to maintain long-term fire safety practices.

Both fire safe councils and Firewise USA® communities play a key role in wildfire preparedness—but they serve different functions. When communities commit to forming and sustaining both, they gain the tools, structure, resources and support to reduce risk qualify for funding and what impacts homeowner insurance costs.

Learn more about fire safe councils and firewise communities below.  
Let's stay fire ready—together

### FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

#### WILDFIRE FOUNDATION SERVICES:

Legal Recognition  
Website Creation  
Wildfire Risk Assessment (WRA) Facilitation  
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Facilitation

#### Assistance with:

Obtaining Grants  
5-Year Risk Assessments  
Agency Partnering

### FIREWISE USA®

#### WILDFIRE FOUNDATION SERVICES:

Consulting  
Website Development  
Resident Management System™ (RMS)  
Required Firewise Volunteer Reporting  
Marketing  
Educational Programs

#### Assistance with:

Obtaining Grants  
Required 3-Year Action Plans  
Required 5-Year Risk Assessments  
Community Engagement  
Volunteer Recruiting