



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