



IAFC's Ready, Set, Go! Initiative and NFPA's Firewise: How They Work Together

IAFC's Ready, Set, Go! Initiative is a program to equip residents living in areas prone to wildland fire with the knowledge and skills to adapt to living with wildfire, to evacuate safely when ordered, and if trapped, to practice learned skills to survive wildfire.

NFPA's Firewise is a program which helps save lives and property from wildfire by helping people to understand wildfire, to take action to reduce risk long before a fire starts, and to recognize that we all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and each other.

Firewise principles can help individuals and communities accomplish the "Ready" component in IAFC's Ready, Set, Go! Initiative. Firewise provides the proven steps to empower individual homeowners to lower their property's wildfire risk and to work with their neighbors to make their community safer. Used together, IAFC's Ready, Set, Go! and NFPA's Firewise can save lives and property by:

- Helping community members to understand the natural occurrence of wildfire and that there are things individuals can do to protect themselves and their property. Firewise communities are better prepared for wildfire wherever and whenever it may occur.
- Empowering residents in the wildland/urban interface to play their part in their year-round wildfire security. These programs offer solutions to lower each homeowner's risk of wildfire and create more defensible space on their property and throughout their community.
- Encouraging homeowners, community leaders, planners, state forestry officials and firefighters to implement wildfire safety actions before a fire ever starts. Less vulnerable landscaping design, pruning trees and vegetation around buildings, and structural modifications such as installing fire-resistant roofing can significantly reduce wildfire risk.
- Teaching residents how they can help clear a safe path for firefighters to battle wildfire and better protect life and property. A fire-resistant property makes it easier for firefighters to focus on the wildfire, not individuals and structures.

Each year, wildfires burn millions of acres, destroy hundreds of homes, and often grow faster than they can be suppressed. Ready, Set, Go! and Firewise can help homeowners play a more active role in increasing wildfire security and preventing the loss of life and property.

Learn more about how to be Firewise and how to develop a personal "Ready, Set, Go!" action plan at www.firewise.org and www.iafc.org/ReadySetGo.