**What is “FireWise USA”?**

It is the national recognition program that provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level.

Any community that meets a set of voluntary criteria on an annual basis and retains an “In Good Standing Status” may identify itself as being a FireWise Site.  The FireWise USA program is administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®) and is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. While the NFPA administers this program, individuals and communities participate on a voluntary basis. NFPA® makes no guaranty or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of program guidance. As administrators of this national program, NFPA may use the information provided by communities in a variety of ways, including research, to obtain risk reduction success stories, and to provide value-added benefits to participants through its work with private sector entities.  See more information on [NFPA codes, standards, and other documents](https://www.nfpa.org/en/For-Professionals/Codes-and-Standards).

**All Forrest Groves Members’ Voluntary Contributions Count:**
It is imperative that all Forrest Groves Estates Residents keep continuous track of their personal time, mileage, and costs associated with all fire-mitigation type activities throughout the year.by submitting their voluntary time to the FGEHA FireWise/Wildfire Adaptive Program Ambassador directly by November 30 of each year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact FGEHA’s FireWise USA and Wild Fire Adaptive Program (WAP) Ambassador.

**Additional Links for More Information:**

Home Inventory:   <http://www.rmiia.org/homeowners/Walking_Through_Your_Policy/Home_Inventory.asp>

### Home Evacuation Plans: [https://www.fema.gov/media library/assets/documents/34330](https://www.fema.gov/media%20library/assets/documents/34330)

Emergency 72-hour kit with important personal items: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

Register cell phones for emergency notifications: <https://www.durangogov.org/codered>

Upper Pine Fire Protection District: <http://www.upperpinefpd.org/>

Durango Fire and Rescue Authority: <http://www.durangofirerescue.org/>

FireWise of Southwest Colorado: <http://firewise.org/>

Wildfire Adapted Partnership: [www.wildfireadapted.org](http://www.wildfireadapted.org/)