



## LIVING IN A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

Firewise recognition identifies Carmel Views as a community whose members are working hard – individually and collectively – to reduce wildfire risks. It provides access to discounted homeowner’s insurance rates, signals firefighters that our community will be more defensible during wildfire events and improves our ability to secure grant funding.

Our Firewise recognition is granted by the National Firewise Program and approved by CalFire. It is based on our community implementing a 3-year Action Plan informed by an assessment of community wildfire risks. Each year, we submit a report to the national program summarizing our community’s accomplishments to maintain certification of our Firewise recognition.

## WHO IMPLEMENTS THE ACTION PLAN? WE ALL DO!

- Every homeowner
- The Board of the Carmel Views Community Association
- The Carmel Views Fire Team
- Carmel Views Firewise

## CARMEL VIEWS’ NEW ACTION PLAN (2024-2027)

Our 2024 Community Risk Assessment Survey (85 respondents) showed:

- Good understanding of wildfire risks
- Almost everyone is creating defensible space within 30’ of homes, but less attention out to 100’, and neighbors are worried
- Increasing attention to home hardening, but many vulnerabilities remain

The new Action Plan prioritizes:

- Continuing dissemination of information & resources to community
- Spurring action by homeowners who have not yet engaged
- Managing fuel breaks & loads in common areas
- Improving emergency evacuation options
- Spurring action by adjacent owners of forested areas and wildlands

## WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- We all live in the WUI (the “wildland-urban interface”) in an area designated at a “HIGH fire hazard severity zone” by the State Fire Marshal.
- Create defensible space out to 100’ away from your home according to CalFire guidance (<https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/defensible-space/>) and in accord with State laws (<https://readyforwildfire.org/fire-safety-laws/>).
- Harden your home through low-cost retrofits. Use of WUI products for larger projects will reduce potential ignitions (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening>).
- Know our evacuation routes and sign up for emergency alerts (<https://www.readymontereycounty.org/prepare/stay-informed>).
- Read the *Fire Preparedness Update* emails and respond to Firewise information requests!
- And VOLUNTEER!

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