

Wildfire Adapted Partnership

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Welcome to a new year! Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP, formerly FireWise) is alive and well in our community. But we can always use new helpers, whether interested in serving as Ambassadors or, equally important, helping with the various WAP projects. This year we need to review and update our Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This plan defines areas in the development that are most vulnerable to damage from wildfires and outlines projects to make these and other areas in our community safer. If you're interested in helping in any capacity, please contact Peggy Beach, Al Myatt, or Jo Myatt.

Throughout the year, please **keep track of hours and money spent** in mitigation on your property. These add up to make us more likely to get grants from various sources to help finance mitigation projects. Send your numbers to Peggy Beach. I will be posting a list of activities that count toward these hours.

A few tips to remind you of ways you can protect yourself and your neighbors during wildfire situations:

1. Keep the **fire hydrant** nearest your property cleared of snow. A 6-foot diameter clearing around the hydrant is recommended.
2. Don't stack **firewood** on your porch or beside your house. At least 30 feet from your house is recommended. This is a mandatory requirement for most homeowners insurance policies.
3. Keep your **driveway** cleared of snow for accessibility and turning around by emergency vehicles.

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