

Welcome to Woodridge Firewise

A Neighbor-to-Neighbor Initiative to Help Keep Us All Safe

We are excited to share that Woodridge Estates is beginning the process of becoming a Firewise community.

The Woodridge Firewise Committee currently consists of **Joe Christy, Susan Bantz, and Kristyn Koppman**. Any of us are happy to answer questions—just refer to the community phone list.

A few important things to know:

- The Firewise Committee is **independent of the local POA Board**.
- Participation is **not mandatory**.
- Our goal is to provide information, resources, and support to help our community become more wildfire resilient, and protect our home values.
- We will be joining Whispering Pines, Shasta Forest, Inwood, and Manton who currently already have become their own independent Firewise communities

Goals for Our Neighborhood

- Reduce wildfire fuel hazards throughout the community.
- Encourage neighbor-to-neighbor support in bringing homes and properties closer to California wildfire preparedness guidelines.
- Create a central source for community resources, ideas, and practical solutions.
- Improve the overall safety and resilience of Woodridge Estates.

Goals for the Committee

- Submit a formal Firewise application by mid-September.
- Establish connections with Shasta County Firewise representatives.
- Complete the community's first Firewise assessment.

About the First Assessment

Our first assessment will be conducted **at the street level only**. Assessors will **not enter private property**.

The assessment will be completed with participation from **CAL FIRE personnel and committee members**. There is nothing special homeowners need to do at this time beyond their normal spring and summer fuel reduction efforts.

The information gathered during this assessment will help support the formal Firewise application process and identify opportunities for community-wide improvement.

Some things to Think About Now

One of the Firewise program requirements is documenting community efforts related to wildfire preparedness. Residents may voluntarily track hours spent on activities such as:

- Routine fuel reduction and vegetation management
- Conversations with arborists regarding tree spacing and forest health
- Removing plants from Zone 0 (the first five feet around structures)
- Roof and gutter inspections
- Fire safety training or educational events
- Replacing combustible fencing or other fire-prone materials
- Time and money spent on wildfire safety improvements

What You Can Do Now

- Continue your normal annual fuel reduction and property maintenance.
- Consider starting an informal log of wildfire preparedness activities and hours.

Hours may be backdated to **January 2026** if you would like them counted toward Firewise participation.

We look forward to working together to make Woodridge Estates as safe and prepared as possible. Through small individual efforts and community cooperation, we can strengthen our neighborhood's resilience and help protect the place we all call home.