

BAYSIDE ACRES

FIREWISE NEWS

Issue #1: A Look Inside

The Bayside Acres Firewise Team (BAFT) brings you our first newsletter covering fire-prevention-related projects in our neighborhood with information on grants for clearing defensible space and hardening your home, insurance in Firewise communities and much more.

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Free Chipper Days 2022

The Curbside Chipper Program is returning to Bayside Acres! The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority is offering this free program to help keep our neighborhood safer by reducing wildfire hazards in our own backyards.

Here's how to sign up:

Step 1: Visit the Chipper Day Marin [webpage](#) - Review the important rules, guidelines, and FAQs.

Step 2: Make a reservation - You MUST make a reservation on the website to participate.

Step 3: Prepare your pile - Piles need to be at the curb by 8 AM Monday and will be picked up by Friday of the same week.

Questions? Visit the Chipper Day Marin [webpage](#) or [e-mail](#) for more information



Grants Available

[Grants](#) are available to help you stay in compliance with the fire departments and to make your property safer from wildfires. If you didn't receive, or can't find, your **Defensible Space Inspection Report** please [apply](#) or call MWPA (415) 275-1185 (if in County) or click [here](#) or call 415-485-3054 (if in San Rafael).



Fire Season is Coming

Are You Ready? Have you ...

- **Signed Up for [Alert Marin?](#)**
- **Packed your "Go Bags?"**
- **[Cleared defensible space around your home?](#)**
- **[Hardened your home?](#)**
- **Checked** Your Defensible Space Report? **If you haven't had an inspection yet, please contact either the city or county (above).**

Insurance Discounts for Residential Properties

Thanks to all our neighbors who have helped us achieve our Firewise USA certification each year by reporting their time or dollars spent in clearing defensible space and hardening their homes. You may find you are entitled to home insurance discounts.

[Click here](#) to view The California Department of Insurance's current list of insurance companies offering discounts for Firewise communities. This list may grow because new legislation is in the works to require insurance companies to consider the work property owners are doing to contribute to wildfire safety.

Please read this [article](#) in the MarinIJ for more info.

Here is a link to download our [Bayside Acres Firewise USA® Certificate](#) if your insurance company asks for it.





Now Playing

FIRESafe Marin produces a must watch local video streaming series called [Wildfire Watch TV](#). It covers everything you need to know, and do, to protect your family and home.

Much of the raw footage of local fires will have you sitting on the edge of your seat.

["Ember Storms"](#) is the first episode. Don't Miss It.



About Plants

Looking for a [handy guide](#) to fire-resistant plants? Look no further than FIRESafe Marin's list. Their downloadable PDF includes fire-prone plants. You may be surprised at what's on the list.



Marin's 1st Annual Wildfire Prevention Festival

Ember Stomp is coming to the Marin Center Fairgrounds on May 28. FIRESafe Marin invites all Marin residents to attend this immersive experience to have fun and explore ways to keep fire safe. There will be live music, hands-on activities, awards and entertainment, and great food.

Festival highlights include:

- **A Demo House** showcasing home hardening features and materials.
- **A Demo Garden** exhibit of fire-smart landscaping.
- **Representatives** from The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA), fire agencies, and Firewise USA communities and other organizations will be on hand to answer questions
- **Stomp Stage** featuring four Northern California bands.
- **Kids entertainment** and **fire prevention demos**.
- **Goats!** Learn how goats and sheep can help reduce wildfires, increase soil fertility and improve vegetation.



For more information [Click Here](#).

Any Questions?

Do you have a “burning” question for your Firewise team?

We’d love to address your questions in future issues.

Contact firewise@baysideacres.org

In Our Next Issue...

- When Is It Time to Evacuate?
- Tips On How to Evacuate Your Pets Safely
- Bayview Fire Road Vegetation Management and the South San Pedro Mountain Fuel Reduction Program

What is Firewise?

Bayside Acres was recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a Firewise USA® community in May 2020.

We were [re-certified in 2021](#) thanks to our neighbors who reported their work clearing defensible space and hardening their homes.

BAFT works closely with FIREsafe Marin, Marin County Fire, San Rafael Fire, State Parks and the Wildfire Prevention Authority to help make our community safer.

Please [report](#) your 2021 and 2022 expenditures today so we can maintain our Firewise status for 2022. Each year we have to meet Firewise® USA's minimum dollars/hours spent.



Fire Busters: Who You Gonna Call?

Bayside Acres is served by both the Marin County Fire Department (MCFD) and the San Rafael Fire Department (SRFD). In an emergency call 911.

Most of our 163 residences are located within the unincorporated area of Marin County, but nine residences are zoned within San Rafael City's jurisdiction.

The County Service Area [CSA 19](#), a special district governed by the Marin County Board of Supervisors, has responsibility for the county part of our subdivision. The MCFD and the SRFD share fire protection services and have funding for projects in our area from local budgets and the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA). The SRFD led our recent Roadway Project on Bayview, Main and Manzanita. The SRFD and MCFD removed vegetation along the Bayview Fire Road and behind homes in Bayside Acres this year.

The SRFD, MWPA and State Parks are currently collaborating on the [South San Pedro Mountain Fuel Reduction Zone Project](#). MCFD provides assistance to help us clear defensible space on our county properties.

Both MCFD and SRFD conduct Defensible Space Inspection Reports depending on our location.

