



The GCCHLA (YORK GULCH) home and landowner association has decided to team up with FIREWISE USA, a 22-year-old wildfire prevention organization operating in 42 states with over 2000 communities. It is sponsored by the NFPA and the USFS

Why did we get involved?

- We live in an area of high wildfire risks
- To increase probability of saving our homes and community from wildfires
- To lower our insurance rates as much as 10%
- To lower our risk of insurance companies dropping coverage
- No cash cost to member
- To learn how to prevent your house from burning (it can be done)

What do I need to do?

- Contact Dave Gallaher (contact below) to join
- 1 hour/year of labor per household (The cleanup counts -track your hours)
- Working on your own property counts as well as fire mitigation improvements
- Be a member in good standing in the GCCHLA

What is our risk?

EXTREME WILDFIRE BEHAVIOR, FUEL QUANTITY, AND WEATHER CONDITIONS OFTEN COINCIDE: Fuel (vegetation and man-made structures • Extended drought • High winds • Low humidity • High temperatures • Excessive fuel buildup (live and dead vegetation material) and man-made structures • Topography (lay of the land)

FUEL IS THE ONLY ONE OF THESE FACTORS WITHIN OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL. Fuel can be: Dead leaves and pine needles left on decks, in gutters and strewn across lawns can ignite from embers. Shrubs and low hanging tree limbs that can be reached by fire moving along the ground. Homes with flammable features. Unprotected attic vents, for example, allow firebrands entry into attics and to the flammable materials within. A burning home is a potential threat to surrounding homes and structures.

ABOUT FIREWISE -The national Firewise USA -recognition program 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.

To join our FireWise effort please contact Dave Gallaher (720)878-8448 gallaherd@gmail.com