

FireWise & Oregon Dept of Forestry

Join or Form a Local Firewise Group

Local SBNA neighborhood groups are working with Oregon Department of forestry (ODF) to create local **Firewise** groups where neighbors create and carry out a plan to reduce fire risk for their local area. The plan could include clearing ladder fuels, cleaning up along egress routes, etc. - whatever the group feels is important.

Firewise participation also helps ODF build a case for including our area when they apply for next year's ODF grants.

To become part of your local group, contact your local group leader (instructions on SBNA homepage).

Watch the ODF Presentation for SBNA *Lessons Learned From the 2018 CA Wildfires*

ODF presentation Jan 5, 2019 - watch [VIDEO](#) . The presenters were: **Alex Rahmlow**, Fire Planning Coordinator - Western Lane District, Oregon Dept of Forestry, Alex.J.Rahmlow@oregon.gov and **Lauren Grand**, Extension Agent - Forestry & Natural Resources, Oregon State University, Lane County Extension Lauren.Grand@oregonstate.edu . Alex shared what Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has learned from the 2018 summer's California and other wildfires. There is much we can do to steer fires away from our homes as well as reducing their intensity. The approach to wildfire resistance has changed in recent years to include more about maintaining canopy, fire resistant plants, and preservation of wildlife habitat.

Additional Firewise Information:

From Alex Rahmlow (click links below or select *Documents* tab and open the *Fire Resistance* folder): [Public Fire Restrictions](#) [Firewise signup](#) [Example of a Firewise Community Action Plan](#) [Evaluation of Defensible Space Around Home](#)

Firewise USA (ODF is our liaison): [Becoming a Nationally Recognized Firewise USA Site](#) [Examples of Group Activities](#)

Firewise and two other fire reduction programs- [click here](#) and [More info on Firewise](#)