Wildfire prevention starts at home

Texas A&M Forest Service wildland urban interface specialists are here to help. We’ll show you the steps you can take to protect your home and community from wildfire.

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**Community Wildfire Protection Plans:**
WUI specialists work with elected officials and fire chiefs to develop detailed plans identifying a community’s risks and how to best mitigate those challenges.

**Ready, Set, Go!**
This program encourages citizens to prepare their homes and families for the threat of wildfire, understand current conditions and evacuate early when necessary.

**Community hazard assessments:**
WUI specialists examine communities across Texas to identify specific strategies that can reduce the risk of wildfire for a particular area.

**Public empowerment:**
There are 14,506 communities at risk of wildfire in Texas. Building capacity among cooperators to develop and implement local wildfire preparedness programs is the best strategy for reaching as many residents as possible.

**Prescribed burning:**
Often referred to as “good fire,” prescribed burning is the most ecologically sound and cost-effective tool available to restore ecosystems and prevent the buildup of overgrowth that can fuel massive wildfires.

**Post-fire assessments:**
After a Wildland Urban Interface fire occurs, WUI specialists conduct assessments to determine common denominators leading to home losses in an effort to provide scientific-based solutions that can mitigate future losses.

**Public information:**
WUI Specialists serve as public information officers, providing fire information and prevention and preparedness messages to the media.

**Firewise Communities USA:**
WUI specialists assist communities seeking a national Firewise designation. To receive recognition, communities have to complete a wildfire risk assessment, create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, conduct a community risk reduction project and invest a minimum of $2 per capita toward Firewise efforts.