

Available Financial Incentives for Firewise Home Improvements:

Improvement:	Available Incentive:
Roof Covering (Wood shake replaced with Noncombustible)	80% of construction costs up to \$4,000*
Exterior Siding (Noncombustible)	80% of construction costs up to \$4,000*
Fire Resistant Windows, Skylights	80% of construction cost up to \$1,500*
Fire Resistant Exterior Doors	80% of const. cost up to \$300*
Spark Arrestor Installation	\$100
Vent Protection	\$100
Defensible Space Development	\$500 (base) up to \$1000
Driveway Access	\$200*
Fire Resistant Plants	\$300*
Irrigation System	25% of installation & system costs up to \$500*

* Work must be done in conjunction with Defensible Space Development.

What is Firewise?

The National Firewise Communities Program is an interagency effort designed to encourage local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, planners, community leaders, developers, firefighters and others in an effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire – before a fire starts. The Firewise approach focuses on planning, landscaping, construction, and home maintenance to help protect people, property, and natural resources. To learn more about the National Firewise Communities Program visit: www.firewise.org



This program is a service of the Lane County Land Management Division.

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Financial assistance for landscaping & building improvements that can help your home survive a wildfire



Firewise Incentive Program Overview:

Lane County is offering financial grants to residents who are interested in making landscaping or structural improvements to their properties, which can increase the survivability of their home in the event of a wildfire.

Residents now have the opportunity to apply for thousands of dollars in financial assistance to replace roofs, siding, windows and doors with fire-resistant building materials and to make "Firewise" improvements to their landscaping.

To qualify for financial assistance you must own a home in rural Lane County that is at risk to wildfire –that's it!

This program is administered by the Lane County Land Management Division with funding provided through Title III of the Federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program. To learn more contact us at:

(541) 682-6522

www.lanecounty.org/firewise

With adequate planning and cooperation among varying interests, wildfires can occur without disastrous loss of life, property, and resources.

Interested? Here's the Process:

- 1. Fill out a short Firewise Grant Improvement Application and submit it to the Lane County Land Management Division. (Applications are available online or at our offices located at 125. east 8th Ave, Eugene).**
- 2. Staff will contact you to schedule a property risk assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to determine what improvements you may qualify for.**
- 3. After your property has been assessed you will receive a preliminary financial award agreement from the County. Sign and return the agreement.**
- 4. Carry out the agreed upon improvements to your home and landscaping within a specified timeline (generally one year).**
Please Note: All work reimbursable by the county must be completed by a licensed contractor or professional landscaper.
- 5. Submit copies of contractor receipts. Staff will re-visit your home to verify the work has been completed to the agreed upon standards.**
- 6. Once Staff has verified that the work has been satisfactorily completed Lane County will issue you a reimbursement check.**

A Firewise Home Has...

• Defensible Space

A "Defensible Space" is an area surrounding your home that extends at least 30 feet in all directions. Within this area vegetation has been modified by pruning, clearing, and-or replanting with more fire-resistant vegetation. The objective of this area is to reduce the threat of wildfire to your home by changing the characteristics of the flammable vegetation that surround it.

• Fire-Resistant Roof

A roof can be the most vulnerable part of your home in a wildfire. Firewise roof materials include: composition asphalt shingles or metal, slate, clay and concrete-based products. Additionally, the inclusion of a fire-resistant sub-roof adds protection. Roofs and gutters should be clear of pine needles and leaves.

• Fire-Resistant Exterior Construction

Wall materials that resist heat and flames include brick, cement, plaster, stucco, and concrete masonry, as well cementitious siding products such as Hardi-Plank. Tempered and double pane windows, doors and skylights can also make a home more resistant to a wildfire.

• Emergency Access

Vegetation along your driveway should be well pruned to enable emergency vehicles clear and safe access to your home.