

Firewise Old Oak Way Community FAQs

Who is Firewise?

The Firewise USA® program, led by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), offers a structured approach for communities to enhance their wildfire resilience in California.

Firewise Old Oak Way Community was formed by concerned residents on Old Oak Way and neighbors on adjoining streets after the recent residential wildfires.

Why should I join?

A fire that occurs at your own residence often spreads from your neighbor's property. Knowing what can be done to make your home, family, and property FireWise is a very important beginning.

How much does it cost?

There is no fee to join.

What are the benefits?

The benefits include receiving education and instruction from our local fire prevention specialists and emergency response professionals including Cal Fire, Santa Clara Fire Safety Council, Santa Clara County Sheriff Department, and local fire station personnel.

What are Firewise Old Oak Way Community goals?

The goal for our community group is to **learn what actions** that we, as an individual, can take to “harden” our home against wildfires, to have a neighborhood plan of **how to respond** if a wildfire were to occur and to **build a FireWise community** that advocates for the of our homes, family and property.

Sounds good, now what?

To join Firewise Old Oak Way, fill out the membership form by [clicking on this link](#) which will ask you several questions about the fire safety of your home. The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes, a little longer if you need to inspect your house for answers to some questions. The application information will only be visible to the Santa Clara County Fire Department and limited members of the Old Oak Way Firewise Steering Committee who check all applications.