

Firewise Old Oak Way Neighbors,

We recently witnessed the devastation and loss of lives from a fast-moving wildfire in Maui. In these situations, your survival and that of your family must be our number one priority.

Defensible Space should always be our first step, we must prepare in advance for wildfire.

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space/#:~:text=Defensible%20space%20is%20the%20buffer,flame%20contact%20or%20radiant%20heat.>

When a wildfire occurs, evacuation is the best decision – possessions can be replaced, lives cannot. Old Oak Way and Pierce Road is our primary evacuation route. However, if that path is blocked by fire, a fallen tree, an accident, congested traffic (due to fire or a landslide, our alternative evacuation plan is on our

Our Old Oak Way evacuation plan is on our Firewise website OldOakWay.info.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6103058e97097779f20303dc/t/62a21f731950b63ece0023ea/1654792052372/Firewise+Emergency+Evacuation+Plan.pdf>

Unfortunately, as we saw in Maui, sometimes there is no chance to escape a rapidly moving fire. In those cases, and only in those cases, sheltering in place provides the best chance for survival. The South Bay Firewise Leaders council recently held a seminar on Sheltering in Place. The slides are attached and reviewing them can save your and your families lives if you are even trapped and not able to escape a firestorm. The Zoom recording of the meeting can be found at the following address.

<video1554274772.mp4>. The video is 1 hours and 17 minutes long but almost all the information is in the first 27 minutes. I highly recommend that you view this presentation. It could save your life and the lives of your family.

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