

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources estimates that 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires occur each year in Michigan

About us

The Michigan Firewise Communities Project can help homeowners and community leaders learn to protect homes and other structures from wildfire damage. Studies have shown that when homeowners use Firewise techniques, there is a much better chance that their home will be standing after the fire passes.

Is Your Home Protected From Wildfire Disaster?



Protect your home

Provide 30 to 50 feet of defensible space around structures to prevent them from catching fire due to burning vegetation.

Use fire-resistant roofing such as asphalt shingles, metal roofing, and terra cotta tile. Avoid wood shake shingles.

Use fire-resistant landscape plants adjacent to homes and buildings.

Keep your lawn & landscape plants green and watered.

Prevent leaf litter from collecting on or under your deck, roof, eaves troughs and landscape plants.

Remove flammable materials from around foundation such as lumber, gasoline or paint.

Keep firewood stacks 30 to 50 feet from structures.

Maintain driveway width with 12 to 14 feet side-to-side clearance and 15 feet overhead clearance to allow fire and other emergency vehicle access.

What help is available?

- Information for homeowners and local officials to reduce wildfire threat to homes and communities
- Home or community wildfire threat assessment
- Educational presentations to organizations, small groups, and homeowner associations,
- MSU Extension bulletins and information is available online or from any county MSU Extension office.
- Consultation with MSUE and MDNR staff members in person or by telephone
- Access to local, state and national Firewise



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