



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM (FHRP)

The Fire Hazard Reduction Program, commonly known as “FHRP”, is the cornerstone of our [Wildland Fire Action Plan](#). Property owners included in the program will receive an annual “Notice to Abate Fire Hazard”. Property owners are expected to maintain their property free of fire hazards or nuisance vegetation year round. See [Ventura County Wildland-Urban Interface Code](#) for specific requirements of the FHRP program. For more information contact FHRP at (805) 389-9759 or fhrp@venturacounty.gov



Ventura County Fire Department Receives 2024-2026 Fire Risk Reduction Community Recognition

The fire department’s recognition covers all properties within its jurisdiction, which is all of Ventura County except cities of Ventura, Oxnard and Fillmore. [VCFD Boundary Map](#)

Being on that list is one of two community level fire mitigation measures insurance companies must take into consideration when setting rates. Designation as a [Firewise USA](#) community by the National Fire Prevention Association is the other.

[Click here](#) for more information. Download the 2024-2026 [Fire Risk Reduction Community List](#).

Effective March 1, 2025, VCFD has implemented a full 5-foot Non-Combustible Zone 0 for New Buildings and Additions to Existing Buildings. Please see [VCWUIC Chapter 6](#) and updated [VCFD Standard 515](#).

Please contact the Community Wildfire Preparedness Division (CWPD) for any questions regarding this change. fhrp@venturacounty.gov 805-389-9759

BRUSH CLEARANCE NOTICE AND REQUIREMENTS

DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Notices to Abate Fire Hazard are mailed on April 20th each year. For more information, see the links below.

For information regarding defensible space requirements, please see the following:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Definitions Applicable to Fire Hazard Reduction Program](#)
- [Assessor Parcel Information](#)
- [FHRP Abatement Assessment and Appeal Process](#)
- [Tips for Safe Weed Clearing](#)

Contact FHRP

If you would like to notify the Fire District that your required fire hazard clearance has been completed or to request additional information, [please click here](#).

NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARD CLEARANCE WORK APPROVAL
To check if clearance work on your parcel has been approved for this year, please click here

REAL ESTATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS (AB38)

For Information regarding Real Estate Defensible Space Compliance Reports for properties located in High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones – [Click here](#).

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

Click the [2025 Combined SRA & LRA FHSZ Map Viewer](#) to see if your property is in a State Mapped Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ)

If your parcel has 2 or more FHSZ within the parcel boundaries, the highest FHSZ will apply to the entire parcel. Please see [VCFD Administrative Ruling 26-804](#) regarding split FHSZ zones.

There are no LRA FHSZ within the city of Port Hueneme.

PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE

Fire Safe Councils:

There are 5 Fire Safe Councils within Ventura County. These Fire Safe Councils are helping residents that live in fire hazard neighborhoods throughout Ventura County lower their wildfire risk. To find your local Fire Safe Council and their contact information, please view the [map here](#).

Home Wildfire Assessments:

Free Home Wildfire & Hardening Assessments are also provided by the Fire Safe Councils in locations prone to wildfires.

- [515 – Defensible Space and Landscape Plan Submittal Requirements](#)
- [Guideline 423 – Defensible Space Maintenance Guide](#)
- [Administrative Ruling 26-803 Applicability of the VCFC and VCFD Standard 515](#)

LANDSCAPE AND FUEL MODIFICATION PLANS

Landscape Plans are required for New Buildings, including accessory dwellings and modification to existing landscape. For additional information see the below documents:

- [Guideline 410 – Prohibited Plant List](#)
- [Guideline 417 – Plant Reference Guide](#)
- [610 – Fire Permit Application](#)
- [Plans Submittal Fees \(Page 7 of fee schedule\)](#)
- [Form 641 – Fuel Modification Covenant Agreement](#)
- [645 – Wildfire Preparedness Requirements Affidavit](#)

FIREWISE COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Ventura County Fire Department is launching Firewise Communities within Ventura County. The Firewise USA® recognition program is administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and provides a collaborative framework to help neighbors in a geographic area get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce wildfire risks at the local level. The Firewise USA program is a part of Ventura County's efforts to ensure communities are prepared against wildfire. Becoming a Firewise USA-recognized community also allows for potential insurance discounts.

To learn more about Firewise USA or to become a Firewise USA community, please contact the FHRP Unit.

- [Firewise USA®](#)

FIRE INSURANCE RELATED INFORMATION

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) has several resources that can assist homeowners regarding fire insurance, including new regulations for insurance companies. If you have questions regarding a notice you received from your insurer about wildfire risk on your



Wildfire Home Hardening Information:

- [Wildfire Home Retrofit Guide](#)
- [CAL FIRE Home Hardening Low Cost Retrofit List](#)
- [Cal OES Wildfire Home Hardening Framework](#)

Additional Information and Resources:

- [VCFPD Wildfire Property Assessment Brochure](#)
- [Building and Living in the Wildland-Urban Interface](#)
- [Sustainable Defensible Space](#)
- [Ventura County Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
- [Ready-Set-Go Wildfire Action Plan](#)

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety ([IBHS](#)):

- [2019 Demo & info links](#)
- [2011 Ember Storm Video](#)

[University of California Cooperative Extension Fire](#) in California.

property, you can contact the Department of Insurance at 800-927-4357 or online chat at [insurance.ca.gov](#). Please see the CDI links below.

- [CDI Home Page](#)
- [CDI Safer from Wildfires](#)
- [CDI Fire Insurance Rate Information \(Press Release Oct 2022\)](#)
- [New Regulations: Fire Risk Mitigation Factors \(14CCR Title 10\) \(Effective April 10, 2023\)](#)
- [CDI List of Insurers Currently Offering Discounts](#)

The FHRP Unit may also be able to answer questions about the specific fire risk mitigation factors.

For general questions about community wildfire preparedness, you can reach the FHRP Unit at fhrp@venturacounty.gov or 805-389-9759

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Receive customized news and alerts directly from VCFD to your inbox.


[SIGNUP FORM](#)

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VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Composed of approximately 600 dedicated men and women, the Ventura County Fire Department is an all-hazard, full-service

 We proudly provide fire protection, first aid, rescue, hazardous materials

CONTACT INFORMATION

-  Ventura County Fire Department
-  2400 Conejo Spectrum Street
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
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-  805-389-9710

COMMUNITY QUICKLINKS

- [VCEmergency.com](#)
- [VC Alert](#)
- [Community Education](#)
- [Volunteer Information](#)
- [Find the nearest station](#)

response, and a variety of other services to the public.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COMPLIANCE REPORTING (SB 432)

☎ Designated Officer - 805-389-4279

- Ready, Set, Go Program
- Become a Firefighter
- 211 Ventura County

