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## EXCITING NEWS RE: FIREWISE FOR OAKLAND

We'd like to thank Pacific Gas and Electric Company and California Fire Foundation for their generous grants to help Oakland Firesafe Council promote and support the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise USA program for Oakland communities to become more wildfire resilient, and to continue to provide direct outreach so that residents can be better prepared for a wildfire or other disaster.



**FIREWISE USA®**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



Joelle Fraser, OFSC's Firewise USA Lead – helping to organize and support new Firewise USA communities in our high fire severity hazard areas – notes that Oakland now has five Firewise USA recognized neighborhoods! Joelle is currently working with **seven new neighborhood groups** that are at various stages of organizing to become Firewise USA recognized. These new neighborhoods are located in Montclair, Hiller Highlands, Crocker Highlands, Piedmont Pines and Merriewood neighborhoods in Oakland.

OFSC Program **FIREWISE FOR OAKLAND**

## DO YOU HAVE A 5-MINUTE PLAN?

An alarming new study has shown that 58% of Californians lack a disaster kit, and 69% do not have any disaster plans. California continues to be at risk from unpredictable wildfires. New growth of vegetation, grass, and plants due to the rain also poses a significant risk once these fuels become tinder dry, as they can



promote rapid fire growth.

Evacuating from your home early can mean the difference of life and death. When a wildfire or other disaster strikes, be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. Having a 5-minute plan with an escape route can get you and your family out and safe. If you need additional time to evacuate or have livestock, you should pack up and leave when the warning is issued and not wait for an evacuation order.

1. Have an established meeting place
2. Pack an emergency kit with essentials like medicine, important documents, clothes, food, and water.
3. Watch for weather reports and Red Flag Warnings.
4. If you need to go, get your emergency bags packed and gather your family and pets.
5. Most important, don't wait or hesitate – know when to go.

**Don't let  
your family  
be caught  
off guard**



Have a 5-minute plan to evacuate:

- Mark evacuation routes on a map
- Plan where to go if you can't get home
- Practice leaving the house in 5 minutes
- Put together an  
Emergency Supply Kit



For more information on creating a 5-minute plan and being prepared for disaster, visit [firefightersonyourside.org](http://firefightersonyourside.org)

## MAKING OAKLAND WILDFIRE SAFE



The goal of the Make Oakland Wildfire Safe Committee is to do everything possible to pass the Wildfire Prevention Zone, Measure MM on the November ballot. The Oakland Firesafe Council, Claremont Canyon Conservancy board, along with the Claremont Canyon Conservancy, the North Hills Community Association, and the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association, have endorsed the measure because it will help the city of Oakland improve wildfire prevention on its property. Please read **MORE ABOUT THE MEASURE**, then send questions or sign up to volunteer by contacting [stage@berkeley.edu](mailto:stage@berkeley.edu)

## VIRTUAL INSURANCE TOWN HALL



**A conversation about how California is addressing the homeowner insurance crisis**

Thursday / September 4 / 5:00-6:00pm

Hosted by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and Supervisor Dawn Rowe. Join us for a conversation about how California is addressing the homeowner insurance crisis. **REGISTER**



Commissioner Lara invites public input on final phase of new wildfire modeling regulation. The Department of Insurance will hold a virtual public hearing to take input on the proposed regulation on September 17, 2024, at 10AM/PT. **MORE INFO**

## OFSC Guide **Home Insurance**

# JUST OVER ONE MONTH AWAY!

## Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day October 5, 2024 / Saturday / 10AM -2PM



Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council are co-hosting a day filled with great information & resources at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley.

Some of the Resource Fair participants include:

- Alameda Alliance for Health
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network
- Berkeley Fire Department/OES
- Berkeley Fire Safe Council
- Berkeley Ready
- CAL FIRE
- Center for Independent Living
- Disability Rights California
- East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department
- Eden I&R
- El Tímpano
- FEMA Region 9
- GENOAK/BeCERTAINN Emergency Radio
- Oakland EMSD
- Smart Connected Communities
- Sports Basement
- UC ANR Fire Network
- UC Berkeley/MyShake
- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
- United Policyholders
- West Oakland Environmental Indicators
- *and more to come...*



people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.  
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THANK YOU for all that you have done so far in supporting OFSC's work and thank you for ANY donation you are able to make now.

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