

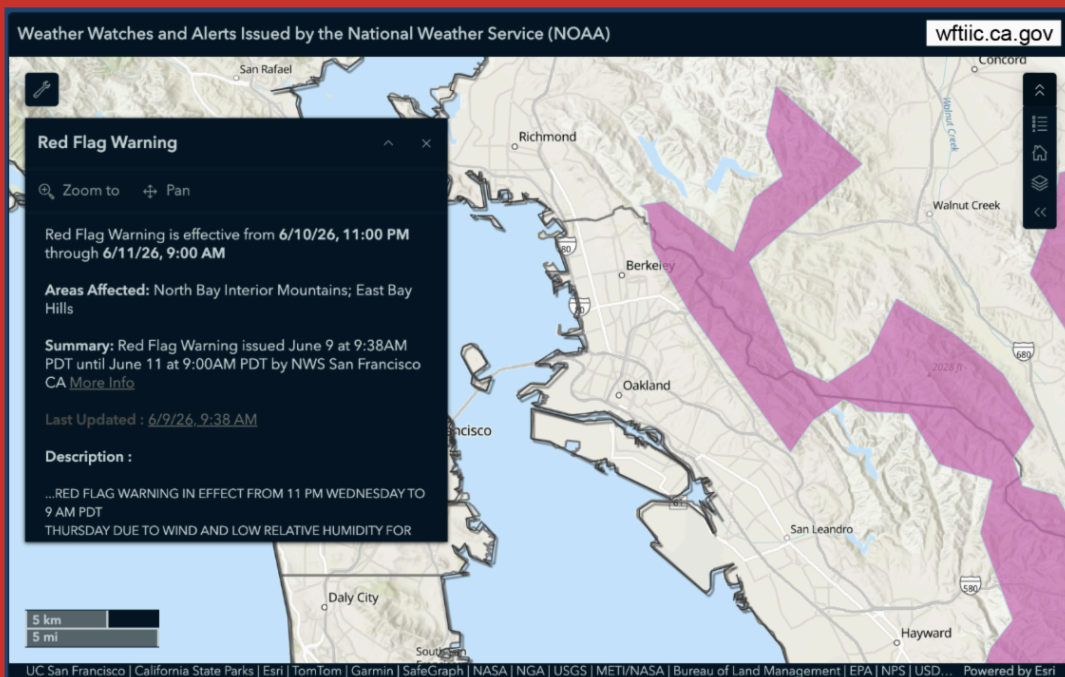
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RED FLAG WARNING (RFW)



For parts of Alameda County – includes East Bay Hills –
from **Wednesday 6/10/2026, 11pm** until **Thursday 6/11/2026, 9am**. Stay updated on weather.gov/mtr

A RED FLAG WARNING (RFW) HAS BEEN ISSUED!

AC Alert sent out the following on Tuesday, June 9:

Alameda County Red Flag Warning for Parts of Alameda County [includes East Bay Hills] from Wednesday 06-10-2026 11pm until Thursday 06-11-2026 9am.

Wildfires can start easily and spread rapidly!

PREPARE a go bag in case of evacuations.
AVOID outdoor activities that can cause sparks.
STAY AWARE.

NO EVACUATION is required at this time. Times and locations may change. For most updated info go to weather.gov/mtr



Did you receive the AC Alert? If not, [SIGN UP](#)

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS AND HOW TO BE PREPARED?

A Red Flag Warning (RFW) is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) when predicted weather conditions support extreme wildfire danger within the next 24 hours. Strong winds, low humidity, dry vegetation and potential lightning are the main factors. **A Red Flag Warning is the highest alert** as a single spark can cause a major wildfire.



BE READY! Visit the OFSC page on [Red Flag Warnings](#)

TWO IMPORTANT OFSC UPDATES

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT, WENDY GOLDSBY!



I am grateful for the new exciting opportunity to serve as President for the Oakland Firesafe Council. This esteemed organization has been in existence for twelve years providing valuable wildfire preparedness programs for our community. Many thanks to Elizabeth Stage and Doug Mosher for their dedicated leadership over the past two years – myself and the rest of the OFSC team are thrilled they are remaining active members of our Board of Directors.

As a long-time resident of Piedmont Pines and having recently retired from a 20+ year career in Corporate Environmental, Health, and Safety, I am looking forward to working with our Oakland neighbors, our great team at OFSC, other East Bay Firesafe councils and our City Partners to continue building wildfire resilience within our community. The more we can do to understand the risks of wildfire and be prepared as a community, the better the outcome for our families, friends and homes.

WE HAVE CHANGED OUR DONATION PLATFORM



The Oakland Firesafe Council is excited to announce that we have transitioned our donations to Zeffy, a fundraising platform for nonprofits.

This change means more of your donation supports our mission. Unlike our previous platform, Zeffy uses an optional tipping model, helping more funds go directly toward wildfire and emergency preparedness programs.

Current Monthly Donors: ACTION NEEDED!

If you are a recurring monthly donor, **your donation will NOT automatically transfer** to the new platform. Your recurring donation through our former platform Network for Good will be discontinued – to continue your support, **please set up a new recurring donation** through our Zeffy page.

Note: When setting up the donation, Zeffy will suggest an optional tip. To direct your full donation to the Oakland Firesafe Council, simply select "Other" and enter \$0 for the tip amount.

We are incredibly grateful for our donors! Your support makes it possible for us to provide Wildfire and Emergency Preparedness (WEP) workshops, Firewise and neighborhood preparedness initiatives, Emergency preparedness guides, and our monthly newsletter.

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JOIN US ONLINE – OFSC JUNE MEETING



OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

7:00–8:30pm

REGISTER

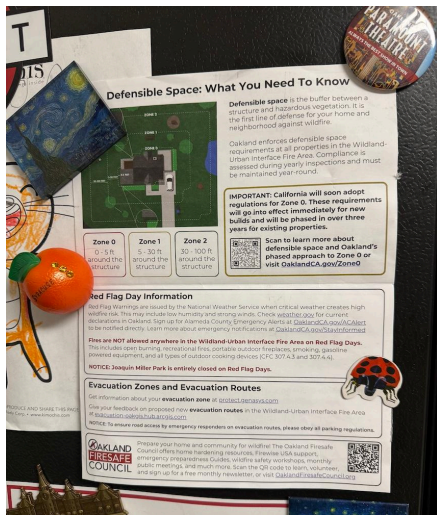
June Presentation – We are pleased to welcome Ian Moore, Fire Ecologist and Co-Director of the Natural Hazards Team at Spatial Informatics Group (SIG). Ian works on wildfire preparedness recovery, forest resilience, and community risk reduction projects throughout California. He will provide an overview of several open-source wildfire risk modeling programs offered by SIG and discuss how communities can use these resources to better understand and reduce wildfire risk. Meeting **AGENDA**

We welcome everyone from all Oakland and East Bay communities to observe, participate, and/or get involved.

FOLLOW-UP TO OUR MAY MEETING

- Thank you to Oakland Fire Marshal Darin White for joining us as our May speaker and providing an overview of the upcoming **defensible space inspections starting on June 12th!** His presentation helped residents better understand what inspectors will be looking for and how to prepare their properties to reduce wildfire risk. Unfortunately there was technical glitch with this meeting's recording, but you can review White's advice on fire safety and vegetation inspections in this **Wildfire Safety Presentation** from January.
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CITY INSPECTION MAILERS HAVE ARRIVED...



DID YOU SPOT US?

We are pleased to see Oakland Firesafe Council included in the mailing. **Many thanks to the Fire Prevention Bureau for recognizing OFSC as a valuable resource** for residents working to improve wildfire preparedness and create safer neighborhoods.

To learn more about the inspection program and find your inspection date, visit **City of Oakland Wildfire District Inspections**.

FIREWISE HAPPENINGS



CABSS FIREWISE COMMUNITY FILLS BIN FOR WILDFIRE SAFETY

The CABSS (Colton, Asilomar, Balboa, Snake and Saroni) Firewise Community recently hosted its 4th Annual Green Waste Party, bringing neighbors together to reduce wildfire risk and prepare for the upcoming Oakland Fire inspections. The event featured home tours where residents shared the home hardening improvements they have made to better protect their properties. Oakland Firesafe Council board member Maryanne tabled at the event, provided wildfire preparedness resources and information from OFSC.

Councilmember Janani Ramachandran attended the event and met with residents to discuss her work on wildfire preparedness. The green waste bin, provided through the support of her office, served as the centerpiece of the event, giving neighbors an easy way to dispose of large amounts of vegetation and yard debris.

This annual Green Waste Party remains a great example of how **community-driven efforts can support wildfire mitigation and preparedness** in Oakland.



Is your community interested in becoming a Firewise community? Firewise USA® helps neighbors work together to reduce wildfire risk and improve preparedness. OFSC can help your neighborhood get started. **Contact us!**

FIRE-SMART YARD TIPS

INVASIVE PLANTS AND GRASSES

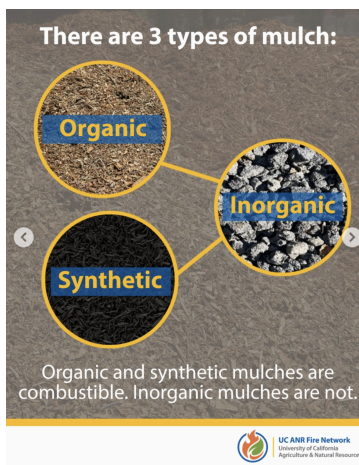


Dedicated volunteers tackle rampant broom

The Resilient Landscapes Coalition reminds us that species such as French broom, Scotch broom, and invasive annual grasses create highly flammable fuels that can increase wildfire intensity and spread. Removing them now, before summer heat arrives, reduces fuel loads and helps protect homes.

Staying on top of weed control now will pay off in less fuel for potential fires later in the year. To learn more about invasive plant species, how to identify them, and why they are a hazard near homes and in the WUI, visit the Resilient Landscapes Coalition "**Plants**" [webpage](#) and click on the "Invasives" tab.

MULCH



Did you know some types of mulch can increase wildfire risk near your home? **Before you lay mulch this season**, UC ANR Fire Network recommends considering the type, location, and quantity of mulch you use. Visit their [Mulch webpage](#) to help keep your landscape beautiful and firesafe.

[Photos from @ucanrfirenetwork Instagram post, May 28, 2026]



Review OFSC Guide **Defensible Space & Firescaping**

OFSC PROVIDES ZONE 0 UPDATE FOR PPNA

The Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association (PPNA) hosted a Fire Safety Meeting for residents on June 1, 2026 to learn about California's new Zone 0 requirements, upcoming wildfire inspections, vegetation management efforts, and emergency preparedness resources.



Fire Safety Meeting Recording

Speakers included Oakland City Councilmember Janani Ramachandran, Fire Chief Damon Covington, Assistant Fire Marshal Javan Smith, and representatives from the Oakland Firesafe Council.

Oakland Firesafe Council shared the science behind Zone 0, home hardening, and defensible space, while Oakland Fire Department leaders provided updates on inspections, fuel reduction programs, and AC Alert notifications.

Read our blog and **view the Zone 0 presentation slides** to learn what these new requirements mean for your home and what steps you can take now to reduce wildfire risk.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ZONE 0?

The next meeting of the Zone 0 Regulatory Advisory Committee is Tuesday, June 16, 3–5 pm in Sacramento. Agenda and webcast registration link are [here](#).

FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND

READY OAKLAND WEBSITE LAUNCH

The City of Oakland has launched a new [Ready Oakland website](#), a one-stop resource for emergency preparedness information, emergency alerts, training opportunities, and community resilience programs.



Whether you're building an emergency kit, creating a family emergency plan, looking for local preparedness training, or signing up for alerts, Ready Oakland makes it easier to find the information you need. [Explore resources](#) designed to help Oakland residents prepare for emergencies and disasters.

As the website continues to grow, **community feedback is welcome**. If there are resources, topics, or accessibility improvements you would like to see included, please email your suggestions to Oakland Climatefellow Leslie Wasserman [here](#).

CERT GRADUATES STRENGTHEN OAKLAND'S PREPAREDNESS



Congratulations to the 62 community members who recently graduated from Oakland's largest-ever Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) cohort!

Over the course of their training, participants learned disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster response organization. The

training concluded with a hands-on disaster simulation exercise where participants put their newly learned skills into practice.

These graduates now join Oakland's growing network of over 700 trained CERT volunteers who are prepared to support their families, neighborhoods, and communities during emergencies.

[Archive photo: "CERT Trainees practice fire suppression techniques" from City of Oakland website]



Learn more about Oakland CERT training and other ways to get involved in community preparedness [HERE](#)

WILDFIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

By Elizabeth Stage, OFSC Board Member and Wildfire Prevention Commissioner

At its May 21 meeting, the Wildfire Prevention Commission (WPC) reviewed the **draft annual Measure MM report** that will be presented to City Council later this year. Key recommendations include improving transparency around Measure MM funding and activities, strengthening wildfire inspection and vegetation management programs, continuing work on evacuation routes, and ensuring fire hydrants remain accessible and operational.

The Commission also discussed ways to improve wildfire mitigation efforts throughout the Wildfire Prevention Zone. One proposal would allow Oakland Fire to contract directly with Alameda County Fire hand crews for vegetation management work. These crews have experience working in similar terrain, can collaborate with biologists to protect sensitive habitats, and could provide additional support during wildfire emergencies.

The WPC's next meeting will be held in September – stay tuned to the **WPC website**.

The WPC serves as the public oversight body for Measure MM funding, providing an estimated \$2.7 million annually to support vegetation management activities in Oakland to reduce wildfire risk.

MORE OF NOTE

- **PG&E UNVEILS WILDFIRE MONITORING HUB**
- **Diablo Firesafe Council (DFSC) is Seeking Executive Director**
- **United Policyholder's WRAP Working Group**
May 19 meeting – **Recording**. Next Meeting June 16 – **Register**
- **East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments (EBWCG)**
Next meeting is July 22 – check their **website** for agenda and meeting materials closer to the date
- **East Bay Regional Parks Wildfire Resilience Webinar**
"Managing Fire Risks" (May 27) – **Recording**

AND FINALLY

- **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS** – Our newsletter is published once a month, about one week before our third Wednesday of the month meeting. If you have something you'd like to announce or share, send along a submission by the **first Monday of the month** for consideration. EMAIL: outreach@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

- Was this newsletter forwarded to you? Join our mailing list: [SUBSCRIBE](#)
- The following OFSC meeting is on July 15



Oakland Firesafe Council (OFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

[CONTACT](#)

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