



## **FIREWISE USA™**

Residents reducing wildfire risks

# Lake Almanor Peninsula FIREWISE USA

Spring 2021 NEWSLETTER

### **New California Laws Require Wildfire Vulnerability Disclosures**

Sellers of homes built prior to 2010 must provide documentation that the property is in compliance with local defensible space and home hardening requirements. Beginning January 1, 2021 sellers must provide wildfire vulnerability disclosures relating to location of homes and features that put it at risk. See Government Code 51182 and 51189 for more details and more legislation coming in 2022.

### **Facebook Page for Lake Almanor Peninsula Firewise**

Join this new Facebook Group page to stay up to date on Firewise Events and Information in our community:

### **Free Chipping Program: MAY**

Plumas Fire Safe Council operates this grant-funded program that comes to Lake Almanor May 24-28. Utilizing this service will help it stay funded in the future. Reservations are required. More information and sign up online: <https://www.chipperday.com/plumas>

### **Burn Permits are Available On-line**

<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

They will also be available at Station 2 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (subject to Calfire).

### **Tips on Homeowners Insurance Renewal**

Non-renewal of homeowners policies is an increasing problem. Defensible space and home hardening can go a long way toward receiving a favorable inspection by your insurer.

Peninsula Fire can provide an “ISO” letter for homeowners that will state the rating of the district, closest station (response time) and hydrant as well as fire wise community status. In some cases this helps. Email your request including your name and address to Fire Chief, Andrew Courtright: [penfire@frontiernet.net](mailto:penfire@frontiernet.net)

Currently Peninsula Fire’s ISO Public Protection Classification is 3.

ISO currently has 890 fire departments rated in California. Only 196 have a rating higher than 3. Class 1 and 2 are usually larger cities with large budgets and lots of staffing. An ISO rating of 3 is very good for a department our size.

### **Sign Up for CODE RED**

Make sure you will be alerted in case of an emergency by signing up for Code Red:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/6EB9E0DB3133>

### **Prepare a GO BAG**

Put together an emergency kit to take in case of an evacuation. Consider what you need and plan ahead so you are ready to go. Good info here:

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-set/emergency-supply-kit/>

### **New Website for Reporting your Property Work Hours**

Logging hours of work done on your home and property to make it more firesafe, helps us maintain our Firewise Certification. This is strictly voluntary but if everyone pitches in helps a lot. Plumas County Firewise has an on-line site that can be easily used to record any work you do.

<https://arcg.is/1ebvbl>

Alternatively, you can submit the paper form and email directly to: [cedardownhill@yahoo.com](mailto:cedardownhill@yahoo.com).

### **Creating Neighborhood Communication Networks**

We continue to expand our neighborhood email list. This provides a way to network and get info out in a timely fashion. If you would like to be included in this please email your name, address, and any special needs you have to: [cedardownhill@yahoo.com](mailto:cedardownhill@yahoo.com)

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 15:** 10:00-2:00 Wildfire Preparedness Day at Quincy Fairgrounds

**May 24-28:** Free Chipping Service

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