

EMRHA Firewise Program, EMR Wildfire Preparedness Team & Wildfire Community Preparedness Day.

Our neighborhood is a nationally certified Firewise Community and has a team of EMRHA neighbors along with local, state, and federal agency participants that work together to help our community become better prepared for & adapted to wildfire. The EMRHA Firewise program means neighbors are taking actions to help keep their property as wildfire safe as possible, including clearing vegetation from around their structures, thinning vegetation on their property and along the main roads.

Once a year, the neighborhood participates in **National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** (NWCPD) in the field at the intersection of Wambli Ln. and Wapiti Rd. This is the meeting location for a neighborhood cleanup, including a burn pile. Just prior to the NWCPD, neighbors can bring branches, natural vegetation and fallen timber from your property to the burn pile to minimize the potential of wildfire. No construction material or treated wood will be burned. This is also a good time to meet your neighbors, and people generally bring a potluck dish to share. Contact Risa Lange-Navarro @ 406-626-5561 or Pete Gierach @ 406-626-4050 for more information. It is usually held on the 1st Saturday in May. For information on how to keep your property fire safe, go to <https://www.mtfireinfo.org/> or www.firewise.org and/or call Risa Lange-Navarro @ 406-626-5561. If you wish to burn on your property, you need a valid Missoula County burn permit. Burning season is open from March - August for general burning and March – November for prescribed burning. Go to app.egovmt.com/burnpermit for the required burn permit and more information.