

NFPA's Firewise offers quiz on "Preparing Your Home for Wildfire Season" Residents urged to test knowledge and prepare before a wildfire threat

April 5, 2012 – The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities Program has posted its new online quiz, "Preparing Your Home for Wildfire Season." The quiz, which consists of 10 questions, focuses on Firewise principles and tips residents can use to help prepare their homes and property before a wildfire threatens their area.

Questions touch on the areas of the home ignition zone, the <u>Firewise Communities/USA® Recognition</u> <u>Program</u>, landscape maintenance and more.

"With many states now in wildfire season, the Firewise program focuses on simple ways individuals can take responsibility for preparing their own homes now, before a wildfire threatens their community," says Firewise Program Manager Michele Steinberg. "Our quiz offers residents information to share with their neighbors, and provides answers to commonly asked questions to help them get started."

The online quiz is available until May 5, 2012.

Check out the <u>Firewise website</u> to learn more about Firewise and how your community can become an official Firewise site.

About Firewise

The <u>Firewise Communities Program</u> encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in creating fire-adapted communities – places where people and property are safer from the risk of brush, grass and forest fires. Firewise is a program of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior and the National Association of State Foresters.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Visit NFPA's website at www.nfpa.org for more information.

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