



## What is a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP)?

The Regional District of Central Okanagan's Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) is the primary wildfire risk reduction plan for communities in Electoral Areas East and West. The Regional District of Central Okanagan's 2026 CWRP builds on the forest management recommendations of **Forsite Consultants**, further strengthening our neighbourhoods against future wildfire threats.

## Why does it matter?

### Assessment of community needs

The CWRP evaluates current wildfire risks and identifies community needs.

### Access to funding

The CWRP enables communities to obtain funding for wildfire risk reduction initiatives.

### Regular updates

The CWRP will be reviewed and updated every five years to ensure continued effectiveness.

The CWRP will help the RDCO develop achievable and strategic action items to enhance community wildfire resiliency, while prioritizing wildfire risk management in the wildland-urban interface, where homes and buildings intersect with forested areas. The CWRP includes recommendations on fuel treatment:

## Action items found within the CWRP

- Enhance FireSmart outreach through education, engagement and a communications strategy with a rebate program
- Provide cross-training for fire departments, staff and community members, including cultural and prescribed fire knowledge
- Strengthen wildfire resilience by updating emergency plans, improving egress and water supply, revising development guidelines and mapping and enhancing suppression planning and resources
- Strengthen interagency collaboration with BCWS, First Nations and regional partners for fuel management and cultural burning
- Identify and treat priority fuel treatment areas on Crown and community lands; maintain tracking system
- Support vulnerable populations with mitigation assistance for FireSmart activities

## Fuel Treatment Objectives

- **Reduce fire intensity:** Enhance the resiliency of forested ecosystems
- **Improve suppression efforts:** Increase the effectiveness of wildfire suppression
- **Lower wildfire risks:** Minimize wildfire threats to homes and critical infrastructure

## Fuel Treatment Methods

Fuel treatment is achieved through modification of forest fuels:

- Thinning or removing ladder fuels (branches, small trees, shrubs, etc.)
- Spacing of trees
- Managing surface fuels

## How to get involved

Reducing forest fire fuels is a vital annual effort involving City staff, contractors, and the public. By actively engaging in wildfire fuel mitigation efforts and practicing FireSmart principles, we strengthen our community's wildfire resilience and help protect lives, homes, and the environment. Everyone plays a role in keeping our community safe.

## What is Firesmart?

The FireSmart BC Program is a provincial initiative aimed at reducing the risk of wildfire damage to homes, communities and forests. Whether you're a homeowner, renter or community leader, following FireSmart principles helps build a wildfire-resilient British Columbia. The CWRP incorporates Fire Smart disciplines leading to wildfire mitigation.



## Next Steps



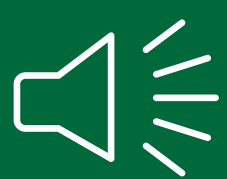
Review RDCO's **Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan** and wildfire mitigation maps



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## Regional District Board Priorities

The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan will support the Regional Board Strategic Priorities of **Emergency Preparedness** and **Environment and Climate** with continued investment in wildfire mitigation efforts.

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