



Dear Fire Wise Community:

IPUD is cooperating with Fire Wise Inverness, a volunteer project of the Inverness Association, to strengthen our community's ability to withstand wildfire.

Annual Fire Wise certification benefits area homeowners by documenting our community's wildfire-prevention work. Many insurers recognize certified Firewise communities and may offer homeowners **noticeable discounts on home insurance premiums**. Eligibility and savings vary by insurer, so please ask your insurance company what discount may be available for your home.

To maintain this important certification for 2026, Fire Wise Inverness must report the volunteer hours and funds that local property owners invested in reducing wildfire risk.

Please email your response to firewiseinverness@gmail.com. Include the approximate **number of hours** and **amount of money** your household spent reducing fire danger on your property. **Please respond as soon as possible so Fire Wise Inverness can submit its recertification application by November 15.**

Eligible efforts and expenditures include:

- Replacing vents with more fireproof vents
- Making your roof more fire safe
- Replacing decks with more fireproof material
- Ember cap over chimney
- Cleaning out gutters to prepare for fire season
- Creating a water supply which can be used to fight fires
- Removing vegetation to improve defensible space
- Replacing shingle or other flammable siding with more fire-resistant siding
- Removing dead trees
- Replacing invasive and other flammable plants with more fire-resistant plantings
- Any other activities or expenditures to improve the fire safety of your property

Your information will be kept confidential. Only combined totals for volunteer hours and expenditures will be used in Fire Wise Inverness's recertification submission.

Please send your response today to firewiseinverness@gmail.com. Your participation helps preserve the annual certification and the potential insurance-premium savings it can provide to area homeowners.

Thank you for helping make Inverness safer.

Shelley Redding

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