

## Living in the Wildland Urban Interface

Wildland fire is a natural and recurring phenomenon.

As development spreads into wildland areas, we are at a greater risk of the negative impacts of wildland fire spreading to homes.

When wildland fire spreads into neighbourhoods, homes, decks, and wood fences provide dense fuels that can quickly overwhelm the firefighting efforts.

FireSmart Hazard Assessments and Mitigation Plans, two key outcomes of the NRP, identify ignition points and other fuel hazards in common areas. This will help to significantly reduce the risk of a wildland fire spreading to homes and structures if removed.



Preparing for wildland fire is a shared responsibility!



## WHAT'S NEXT?

### How can you get started?

If you're interested in participating, learn more about the program on the FireSmart Canada website and reach out to an NRP Specialist near you.

Learn about all our programs and resources online at:

[www.firesmartcanada.ca](http://www.firesmartcanada.ca)

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# FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program



How resilient to wildland fire is your neighbourhood?



## What is the Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP)?

Citizen involvement is the cornerstone of the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP).

The NRP empowers residents to come together to make their neighbourhoods resilient to wildland fire.

The program starts with:

- establishing a Champion and a Neighbourhood Committee
- a FireSmart education event
- identification of hazards in the common areas of a neighbourhood and on private property.



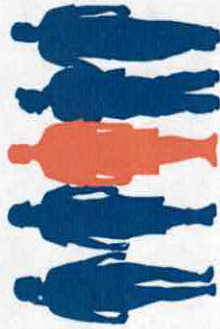
Next, an NRP Specialist supports your committee to develop and implement a Neighbourhood Mitigation Plan.



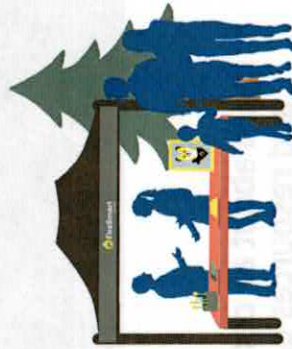
Through the NRP, local residents can learn about FireSmart, how to implement their mitigation plan, and run clean-up events in their neighbourhood.

## Who can participate in the NRP?

The Neighbourhood Recognition Program can take place in rural, urban, recreational, and agricultural areas. It is recommended that the neighbourhoods be comprised of up to 50 homes (or the size of a city block, approximately 2.5 acres) to encourage maximum resident participation.



When a neighbourhood is comprised of residents with a shared interest in protecting their homes and who are familiar with each other, it makes it easier to connect and organize events.



Concerned about your community's risk to wildland fire? Ask your elected official, planning department, or fire service about how they are integrating FireSmart into their plans.

## Why should you become a Recognized FireSmart Neighbourhood?

There are so many benefits to becoming a Recognized FireSmart Neighbourhood!



Working together to increase resilience to wildland fire is a great way to get to know your neighbours.



Mitigation measures reduce the probability of homes igniting due to embers.



Allows firefighters to concentrate their efforts on fighting the wildland fire.



Develops strong connections with the local fire department.



Gives you peace of mind, knowing that your property and neighbourhood are more prepared in the event of a fire.



**Remember - if homes don't ignite, homes don't burn!**