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Greetings! We are LEADER NAMES, and we are your neighbors. We are also your Fire Adapted Community (Firewise) leaders, which means we are involved in collaborative efforts to identify and mitigate wildfire risks in our neighborhood, NAME OF FAC GROUP.

**What is the Fire Adapted Community Program?** This program provides a framework for community wildfire resilience. The concept came out of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy to help communities think about actions they can take to better live with wildfire. FAC helps residents engage in their community, identify partners, and understand the suite of potential actions and programs communities can do to protect themselves from wildfire. FAC works closely with community members to spearhead and support wildfire preparedness efforts in neighborhoods while helping to connect Neighborhood Leaders around the Lake Tahoe Basin.

**What is Firewise USA?** This program encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. Most of the property owners surrounding you are already involved in the effort!



**What are the benefits of being part of a Fire Adapted Community?** There are quite a few:

- protect our properties from the risk of being destroyed by wildfire!
- increase our safety, and the safety of our Firefighters
- improve the health of our landscaping and surrounding forests
- enhance the survivability of a fire by preparing for and practicing evacuation from fire
- get to know and network with neighbors
- possibly increase the chance of maintaining fire insurance - or in some cases - receiving rebates from insurance companies (Firewise recognition)

#### How can you help?

1. E-mail us at ENTER FAC EMAIL with your name, e-mail, property address in our neighborhood, mailing address and phone number. We will send you the steps necessary to participate in our neighborhood activities, complete your defensible space, and receive your Firewise USA certificate.
2. Familiarize yourself with the information in the Tahoe Living with Fire link: [www.tahoelivingwithfire.com](http://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com)
3. Sign up for the local emergency notification system through ENTER COUNTY at [tahoealerts.com](http://tahoealerts.com).

4. Sign up for chipping services through [chipperday.com](http://chipperday.com)

We hope to connect with you soon!

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