

Registration for the Community Wildfire Webinar Series is open!

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Please join us live on Thursday, April 1 from 5:30-6:30pm PST for the first installment of this series, "Living with wildfire by hardening your home," by [registering here](#). More details available below!

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The aim of the Community Wildfire Webinar series (hosted by the Carmel Valley Wildfire Mitigation Project with Thriving Earth Exchange) is to provide science-backed and community-focused information on the local fire landscape, best-practices for wildfire preparedness, and resources available to residents of Carmel Valley and the surrounding communities. Each one-hour session will feature short presentations by wildfire experts followed by a Q&A session with the speakers.

Part I: Living with wildfire by hardening your home ([register for Part I here, same link as above](#))

Thursday, April 1 5:30-6:30pm PST

Living with wildfire takes planning and preparation! This webinar addresses what you can do to make your home more resistant to wildfire.

Presentations by:

Mary Adams (Monterey County District 5 Supervisor)

Dr. Christina Restaino (Director of Living with Fire and Assistant Professor, University of Nevada Reno)

Staff Chief Steven Hawks (Staff Chief of Wildfire Planning and Engineering Division, CalFire)

Lucas Johnson (Senior Principal and Co-owner of Vali Homes)

Part II: Creating effective defensible space ([register for Part II here](#))

Wednesday, April 14 5:30-6:30pm PST

California law requires a minimum of 100 feet of defensible space around all structures in areas subject to wildfires; however, state guidelines acknowledge that depending upon such factors as topography and vegetation a greater distance may be needed to protect structures and lives from wildfire, and encourage "community-wide" defensible space. This webinar is designed to give you information on how to create effective defensible space to help protect your life and home, while complying with regulatory requirements.

Part III: PG&E and wildfire safety ([register for Part III here](#))

Thursday, April 29 5:30-6:30pm PST

Public Power Safety Outages have become part of life in much of California due to a combination of the potential for electrical distribution equipment to cause sparks, and hazardous accumulations of wildfire fuels over much of the landscape, exacerbated by climate change causing higher temperatures and

dryer, windier conditions. This webinar is designed to inform you what public power utilities like PG&E are doing to address the problem, and what you can do to help.

Part IV: Moving towards a fire-resilient landscape ([register for Part IV here](#))
Thursday, May 6 5:30-6:30pm PST (During Fire Awareness Week)

Over 100 years of the policy to suppress wildfires as quickly as possible has resulted in hazardous accumulations of wildfire fuels over much of the landscape. Wildfire fuels that would have burned did not because wildfires that would have burned them were put out. This webinar is designed to inform you about the fuel accumulation problem, and how you can help restore brushlands, woodlands, and forests to more natural fire-resilient conditions.

Part V: Emergency planning and preparing for evacuations ([register for Part V here](#))
Thursday, May 13 5:30-6:30pm PST

Once a wildfire is approaching it is too late to plan. This webinar is designed to help you understand how to plan and prepare for wildfires, before they start.