

Olympic Valley Firewise Action Plan

The following is a three year Firewise action plan for Olympic Valley California. Our expectation is to launch the plan Spring 2020 but the start may slip with the current health crisis.

Community Awareness

Annual	Work with Squaw Valley Corp to establish community evacuation plan and run evacuation drills	Firewise Committee
Annual	Create and staff Firewise "table" at Squaw Valley Earth Day, Blues Tuesdays and other events in Village	Firewise Committee
Annual	Work with SVFD to conduct educational outreach program for Valley's homeowners, HOA Boards, and other residences	Firewise Committee
Annual	Participate in annual homeowners valley clean up breakfast at the fire department	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Create a web based Firewise timesheet to record volunteer hours and spend. Integrate with SV Fire Department website	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Create a Olympic Valley Firewise website. Integrate with community organizations and social media outlets	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Create Firewise Information space on Post Office Bulletin Board	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Identify defensible space contractors in Valley and work with them to educate their customers on wildfire prevention	Firewise Committee

Defensible Space Action - Firewise Committee will educate owners on key preventive measures

Annual	Remove all combustible material from alongside the house such as firewood, BBQ charcoal and lighter fluid, leaves, pine needles, plastic garbage cans, recycling bins etc.	
Year 1	Make sure address on the home is clearly visible in order to locate house year- round if needed. Should be lit at night	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Provide easy access to at least two 5/8" garden hoses, one on each side of the house, long enough to reach all areas of the yard	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Remove branches that hang over roof and keep dead branches more than 10 ft away from chimneys	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Within 5 feet of house, remove ornamental plants (junipers) and anything flammable and replace with rock, cement, pavers, pebbles, bare earth, green grass	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	Thin spacing between plants in 5-30 foot zone from the house	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	Eliminate tree ladder fuel (vegetation under trees) situations	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	Clear vegetation from under or within 10 feet of propane tanks	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	Move firewood at least 30 feet away from structures	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	within 30 ft keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of two inches or less; and 4 inches or less from 30 to 100 feet	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	Prune trees up 6 to 10 feet frm ground	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	Dispose of heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	Remove dead plant and tree material	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	Thin tree stands, Remove small conifers from growing between mature trees, open up canopy tops	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	Remove vegetation adjacent to storage sheds or other out buildings, separate garages	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort

Building Improvement Action Items - Firewise Committee will educate owners on key preventive measures

Year 1	Keep roofs and gutters free of leaf litter, etc	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Clear needles and other combustible debris from areas wehere the roof intersects with walls (eg dormers)	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Store patio furniture cushions away from the house when not in use or during high fire danger weather. Store in the garage or outside storage shed away from the h	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Check that all soffit and crawl space vents are intact and are made of metal mesh, min 1/4", 1/8" is optimum	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Clear all construction and other debris from under the house and decks	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Plug gaps that occur between roof covering and roof sheathing (eg at roof edge)	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 1	Replace wooden attachments to house with metal or other noncombustible material	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 2	If have open-eave construction, seal or box in openings with noncombustible or ignition resistant material	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	If financially feasible, convert decks to noncombustible material	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	Paint siding with fire resistant paint	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	If financially feasible, change combustile siding to noncombustible material	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort
Year 3	If financially feasible, consider adding window shutters or other premade window covers	Homeowner/ Condo HOA/Resort

Other Firesafe Action Items

Annual	Facilitate defensible space maintenance for residents through stree pick-up, chipping, dumpstres	Firewise Committee
Annual	Work with large forested land owners and fire department to Identify priority for grants and write applications	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Engage with USFS, Placer County, and private landowners who own forested land above residential areas to get fire reduction action plan commitments	Firewise Committee
Year 1	Ensure that all water departments have backup generators for water supply	Firewise Committee
Year 2	Work with Placer County to install reflective, fire resistant street signs	Firewise Committee
Year 2	Identify existing 501C Valley organization that can help Committee apply for grants	Firewise Committee