



# What is?

## **A FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITY**

A Fire Adapted Community acknowledges and takes responsibility for its risk of wildfire and takes appropriate actions at all levels of the community.

Fire Adapted Communities (FAC) are neighborhoods in fire-prone areas that are designed and maintained to survive wildfire. Citizens are informed and knowledgeable about wildfire risks to their communities and take responsibility for implementing measures to mitigate and reduce wildfire danger. FAC is a collaborative and holistic planning approach to reduce wildland fire risks throughout an entire community.

Fire Adapted Communities bring together city planners, construction companies, landscapers, fire and emergency services, land management agencies, and local residents to develop strategies on what to do before, during, and after a fire.

### Key elements of a FAC:

#### ELEMENTS OF A FIRE ADAPTED COMMUNITY

**Community Protection**  
Well-designed fuelbreaks and safe areas protect the community.



**Access**  
Good access helps emergency responders arrive in a timely manner.

**Evacuation**  
Prepared communities can evacuate safely and effectively.

**Built Environment**  
Appropriate home construction and maintenance resists ignition.

**Defensible Space**  
Proper management of vegetation surrounding the home reduces the wildfire threat.

# FIRE FACTS

Fire Adapted Communities are developed through the actions of individuals, local government, and community organizations and agencies working collectively using a variety of existing programs including, Firewise; Ready, Set, Go!; and Community Wildfire Protection Planning (CWPP). Activities such as, fuels management on forests and rangelands, and adopting sets of codes and standards for planning and development in fire-prone areas are also used.

Communities never complete becoming Fire Adapted: the process is dynamic and ever-changing. As communities grow and develop, so must their adaptation to fire.

**For more information:**

Fire Adapted Communities

<http://www.fireadapted.org/>

<http://www.livingwithfire.info/fire-adapted-communities>

Firewise

[www.firewise.org/](http://www.firewise.org/)

National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy

<https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/strategy/>

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