

Firewise Committee Article for Q1 2023 Newsletter

TPR Firewise Committee

The TPR Firewise Committee was formed in 2022 and has been very active. Soon you will have access to TPR Firewise webpages. The Firewise information will include:

- TPR Firewise Committee agendas, minutes and action plan.
- Information about how you can conduct a self-assessment of the defensible space around your home
- How to prepare your house to be as safe from fire as possible.
- How to claim a tax credit for Firewise expenses.
- Chipping day schedule
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Peak Alerts

Please be sure to sign up for **Peak Alerts** (<https://www.elpasoteller911.org/246/Peak-Alerts>) to ensure that you receive timely information about any emergencies impacting our neighborhood and surrounding area. This alert system is recommended by the Fire Department and is the only one you should use to avoid receiving duplicate information.

Firewise USA Application

Tall Pines Ranch is now officially recognized as a Firewise Community by Firewise USA. This certification could have a positive impact on your home insurance.

Part of the requirements to receive and maintain that status is to account for TPR fire prevention activity such as our chipping day and the amount of vegetation removed from TPR properties.

- For 2023, please keep a record of the number of trash bags you fill with pine needles, trees removed, trailer loads of slash either placed outside for removal by your waste management company or taken to the Black Forest Slash Pile, etc. We hope to have a mechanism for you to record and submit this information, but until we do, maintaining a record will be very helpful.

Communications with TPR Residents

And finally, the Firewise Committee will be staying in contact with residents in the following ways:

- We will walk around the neighborhood to pass out information and answer questions,
- We will post information on Facebook and on the TPR website
- We will also offer each resident the option to receive e-mails from us with a maximum of 12 per year. If you wish to receive emails, please email Nancy Casadevall at: tprncasadev@gmail.com.

We look forward to maintaining the health of our forest and the beauty of Tall Pines Ranch by learning how to protect our homes and trees from fire and sharing information with interested residents.