HOW TO BECOME A FIREWISE COMMUNITY/USA

Reduced Fuel . . . Reduced Risk!

Being Firewise begins with YOU. The Firewise Community/USA Program provides standards designed and maintained to give you maximum flexibility in creating the best plan for your community (from a subdivision to small towns). The five steps needed to become a Firewise Community/USA are:

1. Enlist the Alabama Forestry Commission and other recognized professionals to complete a community assessment and create a plan that identify agreed-upon achievable Firewise prevention projects to be implemented by the community.

2. Sponsor a local Firewise Task Force Committee, Commission or Department which maintains the Firewise Community/USA Program and tracks its progress or status.

3. Observe a Firewise Community/USA Day each spring that is dedicated to a local Firewise prevention project.

4. Invest a minimum of $2.00 per capita annually in local Firewise prevention projects. (Work by municipal employees or volunteers using municipal and other equipment can be included, as can state/federal grants dedicated to that purpose.)

5. Submit an application to the Alabama Forestry Commission. After certified, submit an annual report to Firewise Community/USA national center that documents continuing compliance with the program. Forms are available on the National Firewise website (www.firewise.org).

The Alabama Forestry Commission can provide additional information about the program.

Firewise Community/USA provides you with the knowledge necessary to maintain an acceptable level of fire protection and evacuation planning.

The program draws on your community’s spirit, resolve, and willingness to work together and take responsibility for fire prevention.