



Did you spend time or money eliminating wildfire hazards on your property in 2021? Now's the time to toot your own horn — and help Kohala by the Sea maintain its status as an official Firewise community.

Whether you hired a gardener to remove haole koa or kiawe trees, cleared brush or invasive grasses, landscaped with a fire-safe perimeter of gravel, rented a dumpster to haul away yard waste, or hired someone else to do so, please send Firewise co-chair Jeanne Cooper (hulajeanne@gmail.com) your best estimate of the hours spent on these projects in 2021 and, if applicable, the cost to you. The deadline to respond is **November 8**, in order to submit our application for Firewise renewal by mid-November.



Your figures will be added to those of Firewise's community efforts in educating neighbors and removing hazards—including the 860 pounds of haole koa cleared from the edges of lots this summer! We'll also include the great work of our landscaping crew in removing haole koa from our highway frontage, too.

Still have some haole koa (pictured above) in your yard and don't know what to do or whom to call to remove it? Please also feel free to contact Jeanne. We have leftover herbicide for your own use and can also share contact info for the gardening contractor who helped us this summer. Thanks for all your efforts in keeping us safe!