



**Fire Safety Alert**

**Fireworks are a common cause of wildfires in dry, grassy areas. Remember, fireworks are not allowed inside Kohala by the Sea. Stay alert on the Fourth of July weekend for airborne sparks from outside our community.**

### **SEMI-ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REVIEW**

Your Firewise committee will be strolling through the community next week (wearing our dashing yellow vests!) as we assess potential wildfire hazards on each of the lots. Please remember, our CC&Rs specifically do not allow brush piles to remain on lots.

As a Firewise community, we are also committed to mitigating our risk by reducing highly flammable, non-native and invasive “fuels” such as buffel grass, fountain grass, kiawe (mesquite) trees and haole koa, particularly in gulches and near roadways. Keeping tree branches pruned to 8 feet above grass and away from roofs is also important, as are pruning dead palm fronds.



Are you new and not sure what haole koa looks like? (Hint: It’s pictured on the right.) Or preparing a landscaping plan, and would like to know the most fire-resistant plants? (Tip: Native naupaka is one.) Even if you’re a long-time resident, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Firewise committee co-chair Jeanne Cooper at (808) 348-4012 or [hulajeanne@gmail.com](mailto:hulajeanne@gmail.com). Our team will be happy to work with you to help improve everyone’s safety here in Kohala by the Sea.

Speaking of teamwork, we’re excited to announce the installation of our new fire emergency gate at the northern end of Pueokea. See the separate flyer for pictures and details of this great new addition.

***We Can Do It!***

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