



## Firewise May 2023

May is Wildfire Community Preparedness Month and the Firewise team will be heading out to perform the biannual lot inspections soon: the first week of June. We've had quite a few new owners since the last inspection and wanted to highlight the main items we are looking for during our assessment: the

notoriously flammable hale koa shrubs (with long brown seedpods), trees that haven't been trimmed up 6 feet from grass, as well as any brush piles or trimmings left on the ground. Please check over your lots to remove these hazards before June.

We will also be making an inspection from the street during the evening, since the Board has requested Firewise to check the lighting of your house address for easy emergency identification.

Two great, free resources to keep informed of any dangers, including brush fires, around us are:

\* the Hawaii County Civil Defense Alert. Sign up here:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/371914103062563#signup>

\* Local police/fire alerts. Sign up here: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>.

The Hawaii Wildlife Management Organization is putting on a free Wildfire Preparedness Webinar on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/29wcktyp> to learn if you are ready for the next wildfire.

Mahalo for doing your part to keep our neighborhood safe!

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