



Fire Safety Alert
Winter rains help fountaingrass to grow and spread ... please keep grass trimmed 8 feet below tree branches.

HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR

Aloha to our newest owners in Kohala by the Sea and welcome back to our winter residents! We thank all those who recently provided their hours and expenses toward reducing fire hazards in 2021. Combined with our community Firewise projects, we more than met the requirements to renew our Firewise status for 2022, officially recording 587 work hours and \$16,850 in expenses.

The Firewise Committee’s next community safety assessments will take place in late February, giving you plenty of time to review and remove any hazards on your property, such as the invasive and flammable haole koa shrubs. (Our summer community project removed many curbside haole koa, but some are still growing on some lots amid naupaka shrubbery and/or on hillsides.) Keeping tree branches pruned to 8 feet above grass and away from roofs is important, as is pruning dead palm fronds.

Are you new and not sure what haole koa looks like? Or doing some landscaping, and would like to know the most fire-resistant plants? Even if you’re a long-timer, 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. Our team will be happy to work with you to help improve everyone’s safety here in Kohala by the Sea.

We can do it!

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