



APRIL 2023 KOHALA BY THE SEA FIREWISE NEWSLETTER

Spring has arrived and so have the plants. The Kona Low storms brought the wet weather that encourages the growth of haole koa, which the Firewise committee will be looking for in their assessments of each lot this June, as well as tall grasses in contact with kiawe trees and other potential hazards.

Not everyone remembers the fires that occurred a couple years ago right here behind the houses on Halekai Place, but it is never far from the committee's collective memory. There is also a wonderful opportunity to help you with learning about your own



property and how fire-proof it may or may not be.

As a nationally recognize Firewise USA community, residents that own property in Kohala by the Sea are eligible to receive a **free wildfire home assessment (while funding lasts)** from the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO). These home

assessments are informational and educational in nature, an involve a 30–60-minute walk-around your property with a community wildfire ambassador that has been trained in home ignition zone concepts and mitigation best practices.

These ambassadors live elsewhere on our island and do not share any information about your property with KBTS Firewise or our homeowners association. For more information and to request your appointment, please visit the HWMO website here: <http://www.hawaiiwildfire.org/home-assessments>.

Mahalo for your kōkua (help) in keeping our community as safe as possible!

Your Firewise Committee