



FIREWISE
KENAI PENINSULA

JANUARY: A TIME TO CARE AND PREPARE

The snow is piled up around your home, the wind howling, and probably the farthest thing on your mind at the moment is reducing the risks of wildfire to your home and property, but January is a great time to prepare for future risks. Being FireWise goes beyond considering the proximity of trees to your house.

Now is the time to participate in local wildfire planning meetings or arrange for your subdivision to gather to consider FireWise steps for your community. FireWise Community Plans are available from the Kenai Peninsula Borough web site at www.borough.kenai.ak.us/sbb or by calling 714-2430.

A wealth of FireWise resources are available to you at your leisure during the winter months. One great location for FireWise information is the national FireWise Communities web site, www.firewise.org. The site offers interactive hints, programs and checklists to prepare your home to withstand a

wildfire. The site also provides links to FireWise Communities nationwide, with inspirational testimonials of how other communities tackled the risk of wildfire.

A local source of information is the Kenai Peninsula FireWise web site, which offers links to local resources, events, and downloadable Alaska-specific documents. The site also allows you to sign up for a property and home visit starting in April by trained FireWise personnel. Visit us at www.firewisekp.com.

Area fire departments as well as local Division of Forestry offices also offer printed FireWise information and checklists. For more information on ways you can be FireWise, go to www.firewisekp.com contact FireWise Kenai Peninsula 260-4262 or sharon.roesch@alaska.gov. Using these resources, you can plan your strategy for making your property FireWise in the coming months so that by the time fire danger rises, you will be ready.