

The **FireSmart BC Information Sheet** was developed to provide an overview of resources, training and materials available to support communities that have been approved for funding through the Community Resiliency Investment program. FireSmart BC's website, www.firesmartbc.ca is a centralized resource dedicated solely to wildfire prevention through FireSmart activities for community members, local governments and First Nations throughout BC.

You may access an electronic version of the FireSmart BC Information Sheet on the UBCM website at www.ubcm.ca/cri

FireSmart BC Online Resources

All FireSmart BC online resources are listed under the [Resources Section](#) on the www.firesmartbc.ca website. Each of the categories is listed below – click the links to view the resources available under each of the categories.

- [Assessments](#)
- [Education Materials](#)
- [FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program \(FCCRP\)](#)
- [Guides and Manuals](#)
- [Posters & Graphics](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Links](#)

Free printed resource materials (*listed below*) are available for local governments, First Nations and FireSmart Committees. For more information and to place your online order, visit www.firesmartbc.ca

[FireSmart Begins at Home Manual](#) - This manual outlines the FireSmart program and how each homeowner can make their property and neighbourhood FireSmart.

[FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#) - This manual includes an extensive list of fire-resistant plants and tips for landscaping material.

[FireSmart Becoming a Recognized FireSmart Community](#) - This brochure outlines the steps to becoming a recognized FireSmart Community.

[FireSmart Bookmark](#) - This bookmark provides QR codes for several online resources and is a quick handout for FireSmart information.

[FireSmart Structure Ignition Zone Poster](#) - Learn the four priority structure ignition zones around a property.

[FireSmart Protecting your Community from Wildfire](#) - This manual is the ultimate resource for FireSmart information.

FireSmart BC Education Kits

The goal of the [FireSmart BC Education kit](#) is to provide BC Wildfire Service staff, educators and other members of the FireSmart community the tools they need to present a unified FireSmart message throughout British Columbia.

The education kit is designed to be an all-in-one teaching resource for Grades K-12 and can also be used at public events. This kit consists of the “hard copy” pieces in a tote and “soft copy” pieces on a USB drive. FireSmart education kits can be borrowed from the local [provincial fire centre](#). Contact them directly to make arrangements to use the education kit in your community.

FireSmart BC Training and Workshops

FireSmart 101

[FireSmart 101](#) is an online self-directed training course developed by the Partners in Protection Association to assist the general public, local government and First Nations community members to learn about becoming FireSmart in their homes and communities. The workshop targets the general public - anyone who is interested in learning about FireSmart, the seven disciplines and how to help mitigate wildfire threats around the home and in the community.

FireSmart Community Champion Workshop

This half day workshop for community members working towards getting their neighbourhoods involved in FireSmart Canada's Community Recognition Program (FCCRP) is delivered by Local FireSmart Representatives in their communities.

How to Find Your Local FireSmart Representative

Local FireSmart Representatives (LFR) perform a variety of essential duties and are vital catalysts in assisting residents to establish and maintain FireSmart Community recognition status and reduce the potential for wildfire losses in rural and forest communities across Canada. To connect with an LFR in your area, visit www.firesmartbc.ca

Local FireSmart Representative Workshops

The [Local FireSmart Representative \(LFR\) workshop](#) was developed by the Partners in Protection Association to assist community leaders and fire professionals to become familiar with and implement all components of the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program (FCCRP).

The training provided in this two-day workshop equips LFRs with an understanding of current Wildland Urban Interface concepts and wildfire hazard assessments. It provides them with the tools and skills necessary to recruit and motivate volunteer community leaders and mentoring abilities to work with self-organized groups of citizens as they plan and implement wildfire mitigations in their own neighbourhoods. Participants will be required to have completed the [FireSmart 101](#) Online Training Course prior to being accepted into the LFR workshops.

The workshops target those individuals that are willing to serve as an LFR in their communities. They are open to local governments and First Nations, but are specifically suited for:

- Wildland fire management personnel
- Fire department and volunteer fire department personnel
- Emergency management personnel
- Rural or urban planners or managers
- Office of the Fire Commissioner / Fire Marshall personnel
- Wildland Urban Interface specialists (e.g. RPF's, RFT's, other land specialists with wildland fire responsibilities)

The BC FireSmart Committee hosts a minimum of six LFR workshops each year. To learn more about upcoming LFR workshops and/or other training available in your area, visit the [Courses Section](#) on www.firesmartbc.ca

FireSmart BC Social Media Tools

Social Media is a primary community building resource that [FireSmart BC](#) uses to spread the FireSmart message across British Columbia. FireSmart BC social media tools include; Facebook (@FireSmart BC), Twitter (@BCFireSmart) and Instagram (@FireSmart BC). These social media platforms act as a primary community building resource used to spread the #FireSmart message. The engaging content is highly shareable and can be used to inform and engage the public in your community. For more information on FireSmart BC's social media tools, see the [FireSmart BC Social Media Handbook](#) available at www.firesmartbc.ca

Contact Information

Visit [FireSmart BC](#) to learn more about how to increase awareness about FireSmart BC, its disciplines and how FireSmart can contribute to increasing a property's, neighbourhood's and community's resiliency to wildfire.

For more information, contact FireSmart BC by email at info@firesmartbc.ca