

The FireSmart Roadmap

No two journeys are the same, this road map is provided to help local governments and First Nations understand where to start and what steps to take on the way to community wildfire resiliency.

Three foundational elements should be completed before the road map:

1. Establish a FireSmart Coordinator position
2. Move towards/complete a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan
3. Implement a Community FireSmart Resiliency Committee

ENGAGEMENT PHASE

Building awareness. Focus on building an understanding of the risk of wildfire and the benefits of developing and growing a local FireSmart program. Examples:

- FireSmart Training
- Distribute FireSmart resources
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day
- Attend FireSmart BC Conference/Wildfire Urban Interface Symposium
- Home ignition zone assessments

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INITIATIVE PHASE

Taking action and implementing local FireSmart activities. The focus is on building capacity both in people and your community's capacity to withstand wildfire events. Examples:

- FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program
- FireSmart assessments for critical infrastructure and community assets
- Assess community water delivery ability; FireSmart Structure Protection Trailer
- Home Partners program
- Local rebate programs

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INTEGRATION PHASE

Long-term and permanent changes to support community wildfire resiliency. The focus is on development considerations and collaboration with partners. Examples:

- FireSmart BC Library program
- Amend Official Community Plans,
- Comprehensive Community Plans
- Development Permit Areas
- FireSmart BC Plant Program

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EXPANSION PHASE

FireSmart activities within the eligible WUI. The focus is on broader community planning. Examples:

- Farm and Ranch Wildfire Preparedness
- FireSmart policies and practices
- Prescriptions and/or burn plans
- Undertake treatments, including cultural and prescribed fire

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