

## Urban and Community Forestry Resources after a Wildfire

Our hearts are heavy from thinking of those who lost loved ones, homes, and dreams in the recent fires across the state. We know that, for many of you, your city's trees may be the last thing on your mind right now. Yet trees embody hope. Whether or not your town was devastated by fire or smoke, here is a list of community forestry and wildfire-related resources that may be useful in the future, if not now.

- **For tree work – finding a good arborist:**
  - PNW chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture:  
<https://pnwisa.org/page/choosing-a-qualified-arborist>
- **FireWise USA program**
  - Homeowners and communities can learn how to prepare for wildfire through this national program -- FireWise USA program <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>
- **Oregon's Wildfire Resources page** (from the Governor's office): <https://wildfire.oregon.gov/>
- **Oregon Department of Forestry resources:**
  - Oregon Homeowners Guide for Tree Care:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/forestbenefits/HomeownersGuidetoTreeCare.pdf>
  - ODF current fire maps, blogs, and links to agency resources:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/firestats.aspx>
  - Laws pertaining to fire protection in the wildland urban interface  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/urbaninterface.aspx>
  - FireWise landscaping checklist:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/fire/FirewiseLandscapingChecklist.pdf>
  - Fire Safety House at the Oregon Garden: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/fire/Fire-Safety-House.pdf>
- **Oregon State University extension resources:**
  - Lots of publications and fact sheets about wildfire, reducing wildfire risk, things you should know about living in the wildland-urban-interface (WUI); things you can do:  
<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/topic/forestry-and-wood-processing/wildfire>
  - Here are some examples:
    - Before wildfire strikes, <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire/wildfire-strikes>
    - During a wildfire, <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire/during-wildfire>
    - After a wildfire, <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire/after-wildfire>
    - Fire FAQs, <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/topic/forestry-and-wood-processing/wildfire>
  - Citizen Fire Academy online curriculum <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program/citizen-fire-academy>
    - **(From the website) What is Citizen Fire Academy?**
    - *Citizen Fire Academy is a collaborative education and service program designed to increase the outreach capacity of fire agencies and ultimately to maintain and enhance fire-adapted communities. Citizen Fire Academy encourages implementation of defensible space and other Firewise practices and builds human capacity to deal with wildfire through education and volunteer service*
  - Fire resistant Plants for Home landscapes <https://www.firefree.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Fire-Resistant-Plants.pdf>

- Fire resistant Plants for the Willamette Valley  
<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/supplemental/em9103/em9103print.pdf>
- **Choosing and Planting New Trees in Cities**
  - J Frank Schmidt and Son Reference Guide (downloadable PDF) <https://www.ifschmidt.com/rg/>
  - OAN Nursery Guide (see what trees are available at Oregon Nurseries)  
<https://nurseryguide.com/>
  - Dr. Ed Gilman Landscape Trees website -- specifications for planting, pruning guidance, tree fact sheets... <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/>
- **Information for city planners:**
  - Understanding the Role of Planners in Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258403731\\_Understanding\\_the\\_Role\\_of\\_Planners\\_in\\_Wildfire\\_Preparedness\\_and\\_Mitigation](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258403731_Understanding_the_Role_of_Planners_in_Wildfire_Preparedness_and_Mitigation)
  - For city planners, a report from the American Planning Association: Planning for Wildfires <https://www.planning.org/research/wildfires/> (\$25 to purchase)
  - Multi-hazard Planning Framework for Communities in the Wildland-Urban Interface  
<https://www.vibrantcitieslab.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Multi-Hazard-Planning-Framework-for-WUI.pdf>
- **Understanding wildfire, forests, and disaster recovery**
  - Oregon Post-Wildfire Flood Playbook  
[https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/doc/Oregon/PostFireFloodPlaybook\\_2018-09-30.pdf?ver=2018-10-04-203119-453](https://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/doc/Oregon/PostFireFloodPlaybook_2018-09-30.pdf?ver=2018-10-04-203119-453)
  - Wildfire, Wildlands, and People: Understanding and Preparing for Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface <https://www.fs.fed.us/openspace/fote/reports/GTR-299.pdf>
  - From Idaho: After the Burn Assessing and Managing Your Forestland After a Wildfire  
<http://idahofirewise.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/uXofXiXafterXtheXburn.pdf>
  - The Policy Framework for Disaster Response and Recovery (Understanding FEMA and the federal response) <https://www.vibrantcitieslab.com/research/the-policy-framework-for-disaster-response-and-recovery/>
- **Other publications and links:**
  - The Therapeutic Landscapes Network (for information on Healing Gardens, etc) list of resources to get you started <https://healinglandscapes.org/resources/if-you-only-read-five/>
  - Green Cities Good Health (the connection between health and urban green areas):  
[http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/Top\\_Introduction.html](http://depts.washington.edu/hhwb/Top_Introduction.html)
  - Coping with Grief after Trauma or Disasters  
<https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma17-5035.pdf>
  - Disaster Assistance for Older Adults <https://ncler.acl.gov/Files/Legal-Services-and-Disaster-Assistance-for-Older-A.aspx>

The Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program staff is always available to help with your community forestry needs. [Contact us.](#)