



"85-90% homes are likely to survive a wildfire when precautions are taken within the first 10 metres of the house."

Upcoming FireSmart Events:

Saturday, May 13, 2017

**9:00 AM - FireSmart
Community Recognition
Award Ceremony,
Firehall**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM -
Information and wildfire
management 'Worker
Bee', Dormie Place**

Spring may be off to a slow start this year, but summer will soon be upon us. In the Okanagan that means hot and dry weather and that's how we like it. However, this also means an increased risk of wildfire. We had a close call last summer, which may have taken some of us off guard. Did you think that perhaps you could have done more to be ready in case the fire spread to your neighbourhood?

Some of us at Predator Ridge have already taken precautions to protect our homes by creating a fire-resistant zone within the first 10 metres surrounding our property. You can be proactive and give yourself, your family and your home the opportunity to be prepared. We would love to tell you how.

Predator Ridge: a new FireSmart community.

By living here we enjoy breathtaking surroundings and a wonderful way of life, but being near wildland poses a challenge. In 2015, a group of Predator Ridge residents decided to take action so that they could take measures to protect their homes, themselves and the community against the risk of wildfire. A FireSmart Board was created and its members received training from the local FireSmart Representative. As



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Download the FireSmart Homeowner Manual [here](#)

<http://www.bcwildfire.ca/prevention/docs/homeowner-firesmart.pdf>

Report a wildfire

#5555 or 1-800-663-5555

For information on essential
clearing "**Dos & Don'ts**" and
landscaping info, contact
landscape@predatorridge.com

Get Prepared Canada

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-en.aspx>

members of the *Predator Ridge Community FireSmart Initiative*, we conducted Wildfire Hazard Assessments on over 60 homes last year and we held educational and fuel management events in the community throughout the year. We are pleased to announce that at the end of last year, FireSmart Canada recognized the efforts of all the volunteers in our community and awarded us with "FireSmart Community Recognition" for 2016. **An official ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at which date we will also be holding an educational and 'Worker Bee' event on Dormie Place.** More information will follow shortly as to how you can help or what you need to know to be FireSmart.

Now is the time to prepare

Have you thought about how you and your family would handle a potential evacuation?

The best time to think about it is now. The Predator Ridge Community Emergency Management Committee (PRCEMC) have put together an updated 2017 Emergency Booklet with essential information, which has been distributed to homeowners in June and a copy of the booklet will be available on the [PR Homeowners' Intranet](#).

You can also browse through the [FireSmart Homeowner Manual](#), which provides information on becoming FireSmart, recognising the priority zones around your home and tips on mitigating risk.

Watch for our events throughout the year, request a Wildfire Hazard Assessment on your home or drop us a line with your questions. We look forward to helping you become FireSmart and count on your ongoing volunteering support at our events in the community throughout the year, so that we can retain FireSmart Community Recognition for 2017!

Save the date:

Saturday, May 13, 2017

FireSmart Community Award Recognition Ceremony

From 9:00am to 10:00am at the Firehall

Dormie Hills Fuel Management 'Worker Bee' and FireSmart Informational Event

From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at Dormie Place