

## INTRODUCTION TO FIRESMART™ BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) and FireSmart BC are working together to support First Nations in building community wildfire resiliency.

**Every FireSmart journey is unique. I'm passionate about helping First Nations navigate where to start and what steps to take to build a more wildfire-resilient community. Contact me for help with:**

- Questions, feedback, or support regarding the FireSmart BC program.
- Guidance on FireSmart BC resources and access to funding through the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) or the FNESS-Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) On-reserve FireSmart Programs.
- Suggestions on ensuring First Nation perspective and input is included in the FireSmart program.
- Support for local FireSmart positions working with for/with First Nations in BC.

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### OUR VISION

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A wildfire resilient province, where everyone works, plays, and lives FireSmart.

### OUR MISSION

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To build wildfire resiliency and reduce the negative impacts of fire for everyone in the province through FireSmart.

# 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

## 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

## 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

## 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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