

Coyote Springs Community – Firewise Action Plan 2024-2026 – REVISED 11/24

2024

Goals: The primary objectives of 2024 are to create awareness among property owners, establish a process for tracking improvements and to begin initial improvements focused on low hanging fruit.

Actions:

- 1) Send a report to community members on the findings of the assessment highlighting areas easily addressed:
 - a. Pine needles collecting in gutters and valleys
 - b. Flammable ground cover adjacent to structures
 - c. Firewood stored close to home
- 2) Offer, and provide as requested, the individual assessments per household highlighting the specific concern areas. Offer direct consultation with the assessor for clarification.
- 3) Work with the HOA to develop a neighborhood participation strategy
- 4) As a Home Owner’s Association, organize a list of contractors offering relevant maintenance services and negotiate group discounts where possible. Possible services include:
 - i. Gutter and valley cleaning
 - ii. Gutter cover installation
 - iii. Tree removal and limbing.
 - iv. Bark removal and replacement
- 5) Develop a mechanism to collect information on improvements by household (labor hours or costs expended) to report annually.
- 6) Gather information and submit report to Firewise.
- 7) Report progress at annual HOA meeting.

2025

Goals: Maintain awareness. Deeper improvements.

Actions:

1. To complete the Coyote Springs Community Association website which will provide a place to make available Firewise information and resources.
2. To maintain community awareness and focus, develop and implement a “Firewise Tips” campaign to send at least quarterly to the community. “Tips” are intended to highlight one or two opportunities for risk mitigation that are appropriate for our neighborhood. “Tips” may include advice, “how to” or references to resources for action.

3. To develop and implement a “Firewise Week” initiative that coincides with the city spring clean-up event. “Firewise Week” will highlight appropriate time of year actions and will coordinate with local service providers who can implement mitigation activities.
4. Provide a document to the HOA Design Review Committee to be distributed to property owners planning new construction on any of the remaining vacant lots. The document will provide information about best practices and materials in home design to improve fire resistance.
5. Prepare and distribute an educational piece to the community on best fire resistance plants in our area.
6. Gather information and submit report to Firewise.
7. Report progress at annual HOA meeting.

2026

Goals: Assess progress, update plan, continue improvements

Actions:

- 1) Firewise committee will assess progress and adjust the plan.
- 2) Based on the success of Firewise Tips and Firewise week, continue in 2026
- 3) Determine the current validity of the 2023 Assessment. Should it be updated generally or is another detailed round of assessments warranted?
- 4) Meet with the city for an update on maintenance of city owned forested areas adjacent to the neighborhood.
- 5) Review the effectiveness of the authorized contractors and adjust program as warranted.
- 6) Examine the feasibility of a campaign to improve screening on foundation vents, implement as possible.
- 7) Consider extending an offer to homes adjacent to our HOA to include in our Firewise Community.
- 8) Gather information and submit report to Firewise.
- 9) Report progress at annual HOA meeting.