



5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WILDFIRE RISK HOME ASSESSMENTS

Bend Fire & Rescue offers FREE wildfire home risk assessments for community members looking to prepare their home for wildfire. By requesting an assessment, you are creating a safer place for your family, helping to mitigate risk to your community and partnering with Bend Fire to make Bend a more fire-adapted community.

1. To start the process, request your FREE wildfire risk home assessment online.

To request a wildfire risk home assessment, navigate the City of Bend's [Own Your Zone](#) webpage. Here you will find a section for "Wildfire Risk Home Assessments," with a link to a form you will fill out expressing your interest.

Once received, a staff member will follow up with you directly to schedule a date and time for your free one-hour assessment.

2. Complete a full walk through your property with a trained assessor.

Assessments take one hour and require a resident to be onsite to go through the property with a trained assessor.

During the walk with your assessor, you will learn about the different home ignition zones and what actions should be taken in each to lessen the chances of losing your home in a wildfire. Specifically, assessors will look for opportunities to harden your home against fire and create defensible space.

You will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns during the assessment. It's a learning experience from start to finish!

3. Create your profile in Fire Aside to receive your assessment results.

After your assessment is completed, you will receive an email with a link and a code to create a profile in Fire Aside, Bend Fire's data management system.

Follow the link to access your assessment report. The system updates every morning at 9 a.m., so you may not receive your report until the day after the assessment.

Once you've entered your code into the system, you will create your secure profile with Fire Aside. You will not need your code once your profile is created.



4. Review your report and prepare your home ahead of wildfire.

Once you are in your profile, you will have access to your unique report! Here you can review the suggested actions that your assessor has noted and begin preparing your home and property for wildfire.

You will be able to access this report any time, store future assessment records and even report back on what you've accomplished!

Bend Fire will never share your assessment records with anyone, including insurance companies.

5. Share your hard work with us so we can better understand Bend's collective mitigation efforts.

Following your assessment, you will be able to submit photos of your completed actions on your property!

Fire Aside lets you easily upload digital photos of recommended property changes and conveniently track all updates from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Tracking wildfire mitigation efforts is a great way to ensure that we are making positive efforts towards wildfire resiliency and managing risk in our community.

Already had an assessment and wondering how the new system impacts you?

Bend Fire has past assessments recorded that can be requested. Unfortunately, we can't bring past records into the new system. If you are interested in documenting work you've done on your property since your assessment – please schedule another assessment with us using Fire Aside. We recommend annual assessments as best practices are constantly changing and the work you are doing matters!



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