



EXTENSION COMMUNITY

eWIN - Wildfire Information Network

For most people living in wildfire prone areas of the United States, it is only a question of when, and not if, a wildfire will threaten your home. The eXtension Wildfire Information Network, eWIN, Community of Practice (CoP) provides a means to develop and deliver the most current science- and experience-based information on wildfire issues to homeowners, other extension educators, and groups that incorporate wildfire as part of their education and outreach programs.

Our Goals

Our primary goal is to teach the homeowner how to live more safely in wildfire prone areas, and provide current information to extension educators for use in their outreach programs. Specific goals include assembling, summarizing, developing, and delivering educational materials related to:

- Pre-fire actions that reduce the wildfire threat to homes and other property.
- Homeowner actions when the wildfire threat is eminent, including information on evacuation and staying to defend your home.
- Post-fire actions pertinent to homeowners and their property.
- Social science aspects of implementing plans to reduce the wildfire threat to your home.

eWIN Content Areas and Resources

- Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) on wildfire related issues and access to experts via user submitted queries when not included in FAQ answers, and other resource material on eWIN.
- Informative articles that provide more in depth information on pre- and post-fire actions that can help the homeowner prepare for and recover from wildfire.

Information included in the eWIN website has been developed and reviewed by Cooperative Extension educators, land-grant university faculty, government researchers and other technical and fire-fighting professionals in relevant discipline areas, including vegetation management, the fire resistance of building materials, and social sciences.

We are developing collaborative relationships with several organizations to enable us to 1) provide more experience-based information, and 2) allow us to rapidly synthesize research and practitioner knowledge and disseminate it to our target audiences.

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With eXtension, you get research-based answers from industry experts in America's largest and oldest university system, land-grant universities. Created by Congress, land-grant universities study subjects relevant to everyday life. Then, they send professional educators, or agents, across their states to bring the results of their research into every community, providing practical education people can use.

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- Credible expertise and reliable answers based upon sound research and field-tested data
- Up-to-date, 24-hour availability from any Internet connection
- Connections to the best, most innovative minds in American universities
- Customized answers to your specific needs
- Searchable knowledge base and "Ask the Experts" options
- Contact to over 3,000 local Cooperative Extension offices with professionals who can help you in your own neighborhood
- Community-building features including blogs, online chats, content evaluation and rating, and more

What people are saying about **eXtension**:

"I am excited that you offer a resource site for those of us who have innovative ideas for markets in rural and urban communities. The **one-stop resource** will be excellent for many who need a great deal of information, guidance and assistance..."

"Glad it is created by the Cooperative Extension Service, because it is science based, **reliable** unbiased information and you are not trying to sell something."

"This is an informational and educational site where I can get objective, **unbiased information**... much better than [other leading search sites] where you don't know how accurate the information is."