Fire at the Edge of Town

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Much at Stake

Wildfire spreads through suburban Houston neighborhoods

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GRIMES COUNTY, Texas — A mandatory evacuation order was issued for some homeowners in Grimes, Montgomery and Waller counties northwest of Houston Monday afternoon after a wildfire threatened...
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2011 UPDATE

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Awareness

Areas of Concern

AOI: Brazoria County  Model Run Description: Brazoria County Communities at Risk

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AOI: Liberty County  Model Run Description: Liberty County Communities at Risk
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AOI: Liberty County  Model Run Description: Liberty County Communities at Risk
Mitigation & Protection

- Data Gathering
- Planning
- Training
- Education
- Action
  - Codes/Standards
  - Investment
  - Projects
- Response
Codes and Standards

- Fire Protecting Infrastructure (rural and suburban)
- Water Supplies – Rural and Suburban Fire Fighting
- RV Parks and Campgrounds
- Disaster/Emergency Management
- Business Continuity
Training & Investment
Projects

Are you Firewise?

- Storage shed located away from home.
- Chimney cleaned and screened.
- Wood pile, fuel tanks and other burnable materials 30 ft from structures.
- Scatter trees within 30 ft of structures.
- Grass green and mowed.
- Vegetation mowed 100 ft from any structure.
- Driveway accessible with address visible.
- Thin and prune coniferous trees.
- Avoid outdoor burning; recycle rubbish and compost what possible.
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Texas Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Planning for wildfires must take place long before a community is threatened. Once a wildfire starts, the only option available to firefighters is to attempt to suppress the fire before it reaches a community. Texas Forest Service has developed a user-friendly set of guides and tools – the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – to aid communities that wish to reduce the risk wildfires pose to the homes, businesses and natural resources. A CWPP is unique in that it empowers communities to share the responsibility of determining the best strategies for protecting a community and allows communities to make informed choices to decrease the hazards around them.

To assist counties and communities in the development of these plans, the WUI team has developed the CWPP Guide, Handbook and Leaders Guide.

The CWPP Web Application

The Texas Forest Service CWPP Web application was created in an effort to provide communities with a tool that streamlines the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This site provides access to numerous resources that will ensure that the plan reflects the communities’ wildfire protection needs, as well as meeting the requirements of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

CWPP Status

To date, there are 94 completed CWPP’s in the state of Texas. To view a listing of these CWPP’s click here.

You may also click here to view a map with the status of other county CWPP’s.

Texas Forest Service WUI Specialists will serve as technical advisors to counties and communities wanting to develop a CWPP and will review plans to aid in development.
Questions?

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