

Prevention, Education, Communications, & Outreach

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Dear Community Homeowners and Tenants,

Your neighborhood fire departments, Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, and Graham Fire & Rescue, have come together to increase awareness for Wildfire Awareness Month, which is recognized annually in May. As our weather shifts toward high temperatures and drier conditions, it is important to understand the dangers a wildfire emergency could bring to our community. Once a wildfire begins burning, it can move at an average of 14 miles per hour. The impact worsens as the fire spreads; wildfires in the United States burn around 5-10 million acres annually. We are reaching out ahead of the approaching summer season to help our community homeowners and tenants be more proactive in protecting their homes and land.

We are offering an informational and interactive Wildfire Awareness session to the community groups within our fire districts. The main objectives of the session are to cover basic preparation for wildfire events, identify warning alerts and evacuation levels, and support the prevention of wildfires. The ideal time allotment is about 30 minutes. We can meet in any space in your neighborhood that accommodates the group and supply technology if needed.

The Wildfire Awareness session and materials were developed by our team of wildland firefighters, company officers, and certificated educators using resources from FEMA, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), and Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management. We are excited for the opportunity to include you in our partnership and mission to increase community preparation for wildfire.

With gratitude from your local fire departments,

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
Graham Fire & Rescue
Orting Valley Fire & Rescue

