

**SanElijo HillsFireSafe
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**Give Today.
Protect
Tomorrow.**



The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, fully funded by grants and donations. That means your contributions are tax deductible and directly support vital wildfire prevention work right here in our community.

Every dollar helps us expand community outreach, provide educational materials, conduct defensible space assessments, and implement critical fire mitigation efforts. Our Board of Directors and committee members are all volunteers, committed to making San Elijo Hills safer and more resilient.

\$500 Home Hardening Grant Now Available

The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council is excited to announce a new grant program for homeowners within our Council boundaries. Thanks to support from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, \$10,000 has been allocated to help neighbors replace combustible fencing with safer, non-combustible options such as steel or aluminum.

What the program offers:

- 20 homeowners will be awarded \$500 each. Funds are intended to offset the cost of replacing wood or other combustible fencing or gates within 5 feet of their home (Zone 0).
- Priority will be given to applicants who are on a fixed income, veterans, disabled, have financial need, or live on a canyon rim.

How it works:

1. Apply online by October 15, 2025 (link provided on our website and flyer).
2. If selected, complete your project and submit receipts plus before/after photos.
3. Reimbursement of up to \$500 will be provided once documentation is approved.
4. Award announcements will be made on November 1, 2025.

This grant is one more step in making our community more wildfire-resilient—protecting not just individual homes, but our neighborhoods as a whole.



Scan to apply!





Taking Action!

Take action now to protect your home and community

The Wildfire Prepared Home: Base Designation is a nationally recognized standard that helps homeowners take the most important first steps to harden their property against wildfire. By earning this designation, you demonstrate that your home meets proven, science-based measures to reduce risk—including creating defensible space, addressing vulnerabilities within the first five feet of your home (Zone 0), and using ignition-resistant materials.

Why take action now? Proposed legislation requires all California homeowners to comply with Zone 0 standards by January 2029. Starting early not only safeguards your property, but also positions our community for **better insurance options** and resilience in the face of growing wildfire threats.

Resources are available to help you get started:

- Visit wildfireprepared.org to learn about the designation program and requirements.
- Explore CAL FIRE's guidance on home hardening and defensible space. Connect with
- the San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council for workshops, contractor referrals, and upcoming grant opportunities.

Protecting your home protects your neighbors, too. Take the first step today toward becoming a Wildfire Prepared Home.

January 2029

By 2029, proposed legislation states that existing California homes must meet Zone 0 standards—no combustibles within 5 feet of the home. Start now to earn the Wildfire Prepared Home: Base Designation and protect your family, your neighbors, and your insurance options.



Resources



Genasys Protect App

Evacuation & repopulation status alerts. Save up to 10 addresses: home, work, family & friends

Check Your Settings!

Check your Notification settings to ensure your app is configured to deliver critical alerts.

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ZONE



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