



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Firewise USA® Community Homeowner or Renter Self-Assessment
 (Form due by 8/15/23)

GCHNA is required to ask all residents in the greater Cement Hill neighborhood to provide information about the characteristics of their homes and the vegetation management within their home ignition zones. This information, as percentages, will be compiled for inclusion in our application to qualify again as a Firewise Community. Nothing in this document will be used for any other reason. Please be honest in your answers. If you would like to fill out the form online, go to www.gchna.com. If you have any questions, send an email to Ellen Hagan (firewise@gchna.com). Please note that this survey is only for properties with homes or structures on them.

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Property Address: _____ **Date:** _____

A. HOME CHARACTERISTICS

Roof Materials:	Yes	No
Is the roof made of non-combustible materials such as composite shingles, metal, cement tile or clay?		
Vents: Soffit (screened vents under eaves which allow air to flow into the attic) and Foundation		
Do you have metal screened vents ?		
Are the metal screens (also known as hardware cloth) 1/8 inch?		
Siding:		
Is the siding noncombustible - stucco, masonry, plaster or cement?		
Skirting: (lattice or other wood planks under deck or porch)		
Is the skirting under your deck or raised floor fire safe? (closely spaced wood boards or non-combustibles?)		
Attachments to the house: (decks, fence)		
Is your deck made of sealed/treated wood, plastic composite, or other non-combustible materials?		
Windows:		
Are your windows dual-paned or tempered glass?		
Gutters:		
Are your gutters non-combustible (metal)?		
Are they covered? Yes or No (circle)		

B. AREAS OUTSIDE THE HOME

(for NO answers only, indicate what percent is or meets the requirement)

Immediate Zone: (0-5 ft)	Yes	No	%
Have you cleared dead vegetation, dried leaves, pine needles near foundations? If not, what percent is?			
Is there hardscaping such as concrete, stone or gravel for 5 feet. around the perimeter of your house? If perimeter is not completely hardscape, what percentage is hardscape?			
Have wood mulch products been replaced with non-combustible alternatives such as stone/gravel?			
Have trees/shrubs next to the home been removed or trimmed up? If not, what percent is?			
Have branches overhanging the roof and/or within 10 ft of chimneys been removed or trimmed?			

Name _____

B. AREAS OUTSIDE THE HOME (continued)

(for NO answers only, indicate what percent is or meets the requirement)

Intermediate Zone: (5-30 ft)	Yes	No	%
Are there fuel breaks such as driveways, walkways/paths, patios, and decks?			
Are lawns and native grasses maintained? (to a maximum height of 4 inches)			
Is vegetation in this area spread out? Recommend trees/shrubs be limited to small clusters of a few each to break up continuity. Trees (and groups) should be spaced to a minimum of 18 feet between crowns.			
Have ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) been removed so a surface fire cannot reach the crowns?			
Have trees been limbed up? (6 to 10 feet from ground, and for young trees, not more than 1/3 of the overall tree height)			
Are plants, trees, and lawns watered to keep them from becoming dry?			
Extended Zone: (30-100 feet)			
Have heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris or dead plants and tree stumps/materials been removed?			
Are storage sheds and/or other outbuildings in this zone clear of vegetation for 10 feet?			
Is there adequate space between mature trees? (no small conifers or small brush is growing in between)			
Do trees 30–60 feet from the home have at least 15 feet between canopy tops?			
Is there at least 10 feet between canopy tops of trees located 60–100 feet from the home?			
Roads, Driveways and Access Roads			
Does the driveway/road have 10 feet of clearance on each side?			
Have overhanging trees been cleared up to 15 feet from the ground?			

C. DEFENSIBLE SPACE VISIT

Yes No

Have you had a Defensible Space Visit by the Fire Department or other?		
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Please mail this form so it is received by August 15, 2023 to:

GCHNA
 Attn: Ellen Hagan
 PO Box 1343
 Nevada City, CA 95959

If you have used this printed form as a worksheet, and would like to submit your answers online, go to www.gchna.com to the online form. Using the online form is a really helpful time saving method for us.

THANK YOU!