

City of Bay City

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How did you help keep our community safe this year?

This wildfire season, Oregon endured 1.9 million acres of wildfire damage, far surpassing the state's average of 640,000 acres. Fires destroyed 40 homes, damaged an additional 132 structures and disrupted critical transportation, utilities and essential services.

Bay City is a recognized Firewise USA community through the NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) and we are asking for your help to maintain that status. This year we started with a vegetation collection weekend, and intend to hold a similar event next year.

If you removed vegetation, brush, trees, etc. from your property during the past year, would you please report that activity in dollars spent or hours spent to garyfrey0@gmail.com or dmccall@ci.bay-city.or.us. We will use those hours or dollars to help qualify our status in the Firewise oprogram. Every hour you invested in reducing fire risk in our community is important, including any contracted work you had done, and we need to relay that information to the NFPA.

If you or your neighbors need more information about this program or how to improve your resilience to wildfire (defensible space), please also reach out to garyfrey0@gmail.com.

Remember also, that the Bay City Emergency Volunteers (BCEV) meet every month on the third Monday at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

