

## FIREWISE USA/TOWN OF ST. JAMES

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We are saddened by the widespread devastation caused by the California wildfires. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of victims and those who have suffered the loss of their homes and businesses. We commend the firefighters and first responders who bravely risk their safety to protect their communities.

The California wildfires and the recent local forest fires in the Green Swamp and across from the Grove Gate entrance to St. James remind us that the risk of a forest fire in our community is real. This hazard is even greater during times of drought, which we are currently experiencing.

The protection of our homes is up to each of us. We ask that residents with outdoor wood burning fire pits or fireplaces refrain from any burning during periods of drought. We recommend that residents visit the Town of St. James Website to view the Firewise Homeowner Self-Assessment and the Firewise Tool Kit for suggestions to protect your home and mitigate the potential for damage from a forest fire.

Town of St. James Firewise Committee