

Community Name: Persimmon Hill (PH), Ojai

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Action Plan for Persimmon Hill, Ojai, California

Persimmon Hill, with 43 homes, is located within the City of Ojai in Ventura County and is open space with grass lawns, trees, bushes, and large oak trees. One of the goals for the Persimmon Hill Fire Safety Committee is to develop and implement a plan to improve the fire safety of this community and to become a Fire Wise Community.

Year 1 – 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Persimmon Hill Fire Safety Committee (PHFSC) together with Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council (VRFSC) and if possible VCFD, to host the first annual educational outreach event at the Ojai Valley Library, inviting all homeowners of Persimmon Hill (PH). The meeting will provide information about the Firewise program, the steps for PH in becoming a Fire Safe Community and the 3-year plan for PH. Estimate that 26% (11 homes) will attend. Request information for outreach and information sharing.

The meeting will also include information about home hardening, defensible space, tailored home assessment, emergency evacuation, code requirements, Ready-Set-Go, and preparedness for stay-in-place during a fire.

2. Encourage homeowners to contact VRFSC to request tailored Home Fire Safety Assessments and to share findings with the PHFSC.

3. Homeowners to record all fire hardening and defensible space improvements, the associated costs, and time spent.

4. Encourage homeowners to share with PHFSC what improvements were made, associated cost, and time spent improving the fire safety of their home.

5. Expand the PH Community website to include information on fire safety and evacuation routes.

Home Hardening Goals Year 1

1. Track number of completed Home Fire Safety Assessments participants with a goal of 26% (11 homes)

2. Encourage implementation of the findings from the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 21% (9) of the homeowners implement the home hardening recommendations.

3. Recommend that all homeowners upgrade their homes to meet the latest code requirements.

4. Encourage owners to sign up for VCAAlert.

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5. Encourage owners to remove or reduce wooden attachments to their homes.
6. Encourage owners to adopt Zone zero requirements.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals Year 1

1. Track number of Home Fire Safety Assessments with a goal of 26% (11 homes) participating.
2. Encourage implementation of the findings from the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 21% (9) of the homeowners implement defensible space recommendations.
3. 21% (9) of the homeowners start the process of removing fire hazardous landscaping that is next to their homes to reduce the effects of embers.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness Year 1

1. Encourage homeowners to sign up for VCAAlert.
2. Encourage residents to prepare as recommended in the Ready-Set-Go.
3. Inspect and if necessary clear all evacuation routes.
4. Evaluate repainting house numbers and implement if necessary.

Year 2 – 2026

Education and Outreach Goals Year 2

1. Persimmon Hill Fire Safe Committee together with VRFSC and possibly VCFD, to host the second annual educational outreach event at the Ojai Valley Library, inviting all homeowners of PH. The meeting will provide information about the Firewise program, status of the 3-year plan including progress made during the previous year and plans for the second year.

The meeting will also include information about home hardening, defensible space, home assessment, emergency evacuation, code requirements, Ready-Set-Go, and preparedness for stay-in-place during a fire. Estimate that 26% (11 homes) will attend. Request information for outreach and information sharing.

Specifically reaching out to homeowners that did not attend previous meetings and any new homeowners that have moved into PH.

2. Continue to encourage homeowners to contact Ventura County Fire Department to request a tailored Home Fire Safety Assessments and to share the findings with the PHFSC.
3. Homeowners to record all fire hardening and defensible space improvements, the associated costs,

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and time spent.

4. Encourage homeowners to share with PHFSC what improvements were made, associated cost, and time spent to improve the fire safety of their home.
5. Update the PH Community website on fire safety and evacuation routes.

Home Hardening Goals Year 2

1. Track number of completed Home Fire Safety Assessments participants with a goal of an additional 21% (9 additional homes) participating.
2. Encourage implementation of the findings from the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 16% (7) of the additional participants implement the home hardening recommendations.
3. Recommend that all homeowners upgrade their homes to meet the latest code requirements.
4. Encourage owners to sign up for VCAalert.
5. Encourage owners to remove or reduce wooden attachments to their homes.
6. Encourage owners to adopt Zone zero requirements.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals Year 2

1. Continue to track the number of Home Fire Safety Assessments with a goal of an additional 21% (9 homes) participating.
2. Encourage implementation of the findings from the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 16% (7) of the additional participants implement the recommendations.
3. 16% (7) of the homeowners start removal of fire hazardous landscaping that is next to their homes to reduce the effects of embers.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness Year 2

1. Encourage homeowners that have not yet done so to sign up for VCAalert.
2. Encourage residents to prepare as recommended in the Ready-Set-Go.
3. Inspect and if necessary clear all evacuation routes.

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Year 3 – 2027

Education and Outreach Goals Year 3

1. PHFSC together with VRFSC and possibly VCFD, to host the third annual educational outreach event at the Ojai Valley Library inviting all homeowners of PH. The meeting will provide information about the Firewise program, status of the current 3-year plan including progress made during the previous years and plans for the third year. Introduce the Action Plan for the next 3-years.
The meeting will also include information about home hardening, defensible space, home assessment, emergency evacuation, code requirements, Ready-Set-Go, and preparedness for stay-in-place during a fire. Estimate that 26% (11 homes) will attend. Request information for outreach and information sharing.
Specifically reaching out to homeowners that did not attend previous meetings and any new homeowners that have moved to PH.
2. Encourage owners who have not yet done so, to contact Ventura County Fire Department to request tailored Home Fire Safety Assessments and to share the findings with the PHFSC.
3. Homeowners to record all fire hardening and defensible space improvements, the associated costs, and time spent.
4. Encourage homeowners to share with PHFSC what improvements were made, associated cost, and time spent improving the fire safety of their home.
5. Continuously update the PH Community website to include information on fire safety and evacuation routes.

Home Hardening Goals Year 3

1. Track number of Home Fire Safety Assessments with a goal of an additional 12% (5 homes) participating. The 3-year cumulative total of 59% (25) homeowners having had the assessment.
- 2 Encourage implementation of the findings from the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 12% (5) of the additional participants implement the home hardening recommendations. The 3-year cumulative total of 46% (20 homes) implementing the recommendations.
3. Recommend that all homeowners upgrade their homes to meet the latest code requirements.
4. Encourage owners to sign up for VCAAlert.
5. Encourage owners to remove or reduce wooden attachments to their homes.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals Year 3

1. Continue to track the number of Home Fire Safety Assessments with a goal of an additional 12% (5

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homes) participating. The 3-year cumulative total of 59% (25) homeowners having had the assessment.

2. Encourage implementation of the Home Fire Safety Assessments with the goal that 12% (5) of the additional participants implement the defensible space recommendations. The 3-year cumulative total of 46% (20 homes) implementing the recommendations.

3. 12% (5) of the homeowners start the process of removal of fire hazardous landscaping that is next to their homes with a goal that a cumulative total of 46% (20) homeowners will not have fire hazardous landscaping in contact with the homes.

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Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness Year 3

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2. Encourage residents to prepare as recommended in the Ready-Set-Go.
3. Inspect and if necessary clear all evacuation routes.

	Home Fire Safety Assessment Breakdown			
	Home Hardening		Defensible Space	
	Completed assessments	Implemented assessments	Completed assessments	Implemented assessments
Year 1	26%	21%	26%	21%
Year 2	21%	16%	21%	16%
Year 3	12%	9%	12%	9%
Total	59%	46%	59%	46%