



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WILDFIRE RISK MAP

### **My home or business is in the wildland-urban interface and at high or extreme risk; what does this mean for me?**

Homes and businesses within the wildland-urban interface **AND** at high or extreme risk based on the wildfire risk map may be subject to the Oregon Defensible Space Code. On properties where structures have been issued a certificate of occupancy, a defensible space code will apply to homes and businesses.

### **My home or business is not in the wildland-urban interface and not at high or extreme risk; what does this mean?**

Homes and businesses not in the wildland-urban interface **AND** at high or extreme risk, based on the wildfire risk map, are not subject to the Oregon Defensible Space Code. The Office of State Fire Marshal recommends that home and business owners at high or extreme risk but NOT in the wildland-urban interface follow defensible space best practices. Wildfire does not recognize map boundary lines.

### **My home or business is at high or extreme risk but not in the wildland-urban interface; does the code apply to me? What should I do?**

No. The Oregon Defensible Space Code only applies to homes and businesses in both the wildland-urban interface AND at high or extreme risk based on the wildfire risk map developed by Oregon State and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The Office of State Fire Marshal recommends that home and business owners at high or extreme risk but NOT in the wildland-urban interface follow defensible space best practices. Wildfire does not recognize map boundary lines.

### **My home or business is in the wildland-urban interface but not at high or extreme risk; does the code apply to me? What should I do?**

No. The Oregon Defensible Space Code only applies to homes and businesses in both the wildland-urban interface AND at high or extreme risk based on the wildfire risk map developed by Oregon State and the Oregon Department of Forestry. To be better protected against wildfire, follow defensible space best practices.

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### **I disagree with the Wildfire Risk Map's assessment of my home/business; is there an appeals process?**

The Oregon Department of Forestry manages the Wildfire Risk Map. Concerns regarding wildfire risk level or wildland-urban interface boundaries should follow the Oregon Department of Forestry's appeals process [found here](#).