



The Crosby Arboretum



This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE How To Have A Firewise Home event to be held at The Crosby Arboretum on Saturday March 10, 2012. This program is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wildland/urban interface ... that fringe area of our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wildland fire. Evaluations for similar field days in other states indicated that the participants found the information and exercises very beneficial.

As our Mississippi public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forests or wildlands, disastrous wildfires occur more and more frequently. We will likely continue to experience damaging wildfires in the wildland/urban interface until people begin to work together to solve basic community planning issues at the local level.

The How To Have A Firewise Home program is a one-half day event, bringing together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own home.

I have enclosed directions and a map to the program site at The Crosby Arboretum and a pre-registration form. Please complete the pre-registration form and return by fax to 601-799-2372 by Wednesday February 29, 2012. We believe that this program may have a significant impact on wildland protection in your area. If you cannot personally attend, please designate someone to represent you. There is no charge for your participation and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must for the noon meal head count.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you on Saturday March 10, 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richelle Stafne at 601-799-2311.

Registered Foresters attending the field day will be eligible for 2.0 CFE Hours Category 2, Loggers will receive 2.0 hours in Category II and Realtors will receive 3.0 hrs of elective Real Estate Course (10181). Professional credits are not available for teachers and professional disciplines.

Sincerely,

Richelle Stafne
Sr. Curator/Assistant Director
The Crosby Arboretum



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FIREWISE EVENT: **“How to Have a Firewise Home”**

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Crosby Arboretum, 370 Ridge Road, Picayune, MS 39466 Ph: 601-799-2311



Firewise is an educational program for homeowners and community leaders. Information is available on how to design, construct, landscape, and maintain home or community so as to withstand a wildfire without the aid of firefighting resources on scene.



Firewise principles are based on National Fire Protection Association guidelines for design, construction, landscaping & maintenance.



Firewise workshops are **FREE** events, however, **pre-registration is required**. Lunch, refreshments and workshop materials will be provided. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques, and how to assess the fire danger of their home.

For more information on FIREWISE visit: <http://www.mfc.ms.gov/firewise.php>

Call or stop by the Crosby Arboretum to register today!

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**How to Have A Firewise Home Agenda
The Crosby Arboretum Picayune, MS
Saturday March 10, 2012**

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction
9:45 a.m.	Firewise in Mississippi
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Wildfire! Preventing Home Ignitions
10:35 a.m.	How to Have A Firewise Home
Noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Evaluations
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn



**FAX PRE-REGISTRATION TO:
 Crosby Arboretum
 601-799-2372
 370 Ridge Road; PO Box 1639
 Deadline: Wednesday February 29, 2012
 601-799-2311**

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a **must** for the meal head count.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Crosby Arboretum – Firewise Awareness Event
 Crosby Arboretum Picayune, MS 39466
 Saturday March 10, 2012

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Mi _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____ Vegetarian Yes No (sandwiches, snacks, fruit, bev)

Please select the category that most closely fits your occupation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Marshall | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Builder/Developer | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |