



Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District



January 17, 2012

This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE How To Have A Firewise Home event to be held at EMEPA Auditorium on March 22nd 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 EMEPA Auditorium and a pre-registration form. Please complete the pre-registration form and return by fax to 601-693-5379. Pre-registration will be due by March 16th 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 March 22nd 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District @ 601-483-4100 Ext 3.

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,
Cassie Wing
District Clerk



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**How to Have A Firewise Home Agenda
EMEPA Auditorium
March 22nd, 2012**

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| 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 |



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FAX PRE-REGISTRATION TO:
Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District
1030-B Highway 19 South, Meridian, MS 39301
(601) 483-4100 ext 3 – Fax: 601-693-5379

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Lauderdale County Soil & Water Conservation District
Firewise Awareness Event
EMEPA Auditorium
March 22nd, 2012

Last Name First Name Mi

Affiliation

Address City State Zip

Telephone Number Fax Number

Email Address

Please select the category that most closely fits your occupation:

- Architecture, Banking/Finance, Builder/Developer, Code Enforcement, Elected Official, Other, Emergency Management, Fire Marshall, Homeowner Association, Homeowner, Industry Business, Insurance, Landscaping, Planning Department, Structural Fire Department, Wildland Fire