



WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Westlake Fire Department would like you to know:

1. **Wildland fires are inevitable and, in Texas, are possible any time of the year in all fuel types.**
2. **The local fire departments do not have the resources to protect all structures during a severe wildland fire** and they will have to make decisions on which structures (if any) they can protect based on the home ignition potential, resource limitations, and safety considerations.
3. **The local fire departments do not have the statutory authority to reduce threats in the home ignition zone** and, therefore, homeowners are primarily responsible for mitigating threats in the home ignition zone. Implementing the necessary mitigation measures will better prepare their home to survive a severe wildland fire with, or without, fire department intervention.
4. **It is critical that the homeowner plan for wildland fires before a wildfire approaches to ensure the safety of their lives and property.** *For more information visit:* www.firewise.org or www.wildlandfirersg.org
5. **If the planning or implementation actions are not implemented, the homeowner must understand the need to evacuate early to ensure the safety of themselves, their family, and pets.** *For more information visit:* www.fema.gov or www.ready.gov or www.redcross.org or www.warncentraltexas.org

The Westlake Fire Department is available to provide Wildfire Home Assessments to residents within the district. Department members will come out to your home, assess the potential structure survivability, and make suggestions for improvements at no cost or obligation.

If you are interested in participating in a Wildfire Home Assessment, please call the Westlake Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Division at **512-539-3400 x 3**, or email Inspector@WestLakeFD.org. You can also make a request at www.WFDPermits.com.