



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District launches FireSmart Home Partners Program

January 22, 2024 (Port Alberni, BC) – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Emergency Program is excited to announce it is joining the [FireSmart Home Partners Program](#).

The Home Partners Program is designed to engage homeowners in voluntary wildfire mitigation activities by offering a free professional home assessment with property-specific recommendations.

“We are proud to join other communities across BC to offer the FireSmart Home Partners Program in an effort to mitigate the impacts of wildfire,” explains Randy Thoen, ACRD FireSmart Coordinator “We hope homeowners across the Region will take advantage of the opportunity to work with a wildfire mitigation specialist and take action to reduce wildfire risks to their home.”

The FireSmart Home Partners Program is a collaboration between FireSmart Canada, FireSmart BC, provincial governments, local governments, Indigenous communities, the private sector, and homeowners in Canada. Participants from across the Region completed the training for this program in November 2023.

The assessment process evaluates the exterior of the home and property for wildfire exposure, identifying mitigation actions unique to the property. Upon completion of recommended mitigation actions and a successful follow-up site review, the property owner can receive a FireSmart Certificate. This certificate may be shared with participating insurance providers and could be eligible for incentives or discounts.

“The Home Partners Program is the next step for FireSmart within the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District,” says Thoen. “We have worked to develop the capacity to provide assessments and are pleased to be a part of the FireSmart Home Partners Program.”

Residents of Tseshaht First Nation, Hupačasath First Nation, City of Port Alberni, and Electoral Areas of Beaver Creek, Sproat Lake, Beaufort, Cherry Creek, Bamfield and Long Beach who are interested in scheduling a free assessment can visit: [FireSmart Home Partners Property Assessment Application](#).

If residents have specific questions about FireSmart or wildfire resilience, they can contact us at firesmart@acrd.bc.ca or 250-720-2700.



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