



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MAY 2026



HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

FILING PERIOD: 3/1/2026 - 5/31/2026

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FY 2026- 2027



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
4/1/2026 - 5/31/2026
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WILDFIRETM
DEFENSE MESH
U.S. Patent Pending



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FIRESAFE KENSINGTON



Kensington Takes a Major Step Forward to Protect Homes from Wildfire with New Community Resilience Program

Kensington Community Services District has launched the Kensington Ember Exclusion Program (KEEP) to strengthen home protection against wind-driven embers. KEEP expands wildfire resilience by pairing education with practical resources, delivered in partnership with Firesafe Kensington and Wildfire Defense Mesh for residents across the Kensington community.

Program Highlights

- \$15,000 in initial KCSD funding to launch a pilot focused on ember awareness and home hardening
- Education, guidance, and resources for resident-led projects that reduce ember entry and fire risk
- Material resources for qualifying residents, including ember-resistant metal mesh
- Partnership-driven delivery that prioritizes efficiency, transparency, and community-wide benefit

KEEP builds on Kensington's broader wildfire resilience efforts by helping residents understand ember risk and take practical steps to protect homes and neighborhoods.



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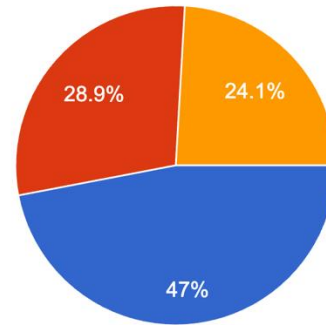
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Do you plan to hire a laborer/contractor to install the mesh.

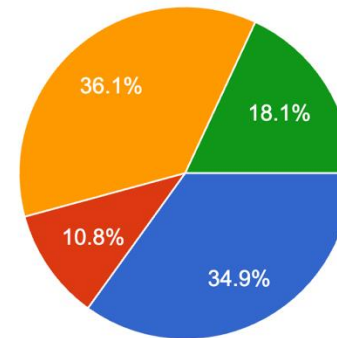
83 responses



- Yes, I will hire someone.
- No, I plan to do this without hiring anyone.
- Undecided.

Select your mesh preference

83 responses



- 1/16" Mesh in Black
- 1/16" Mesh in White
- 1/8" Mesh in Black
- 1/8" Mesh in White

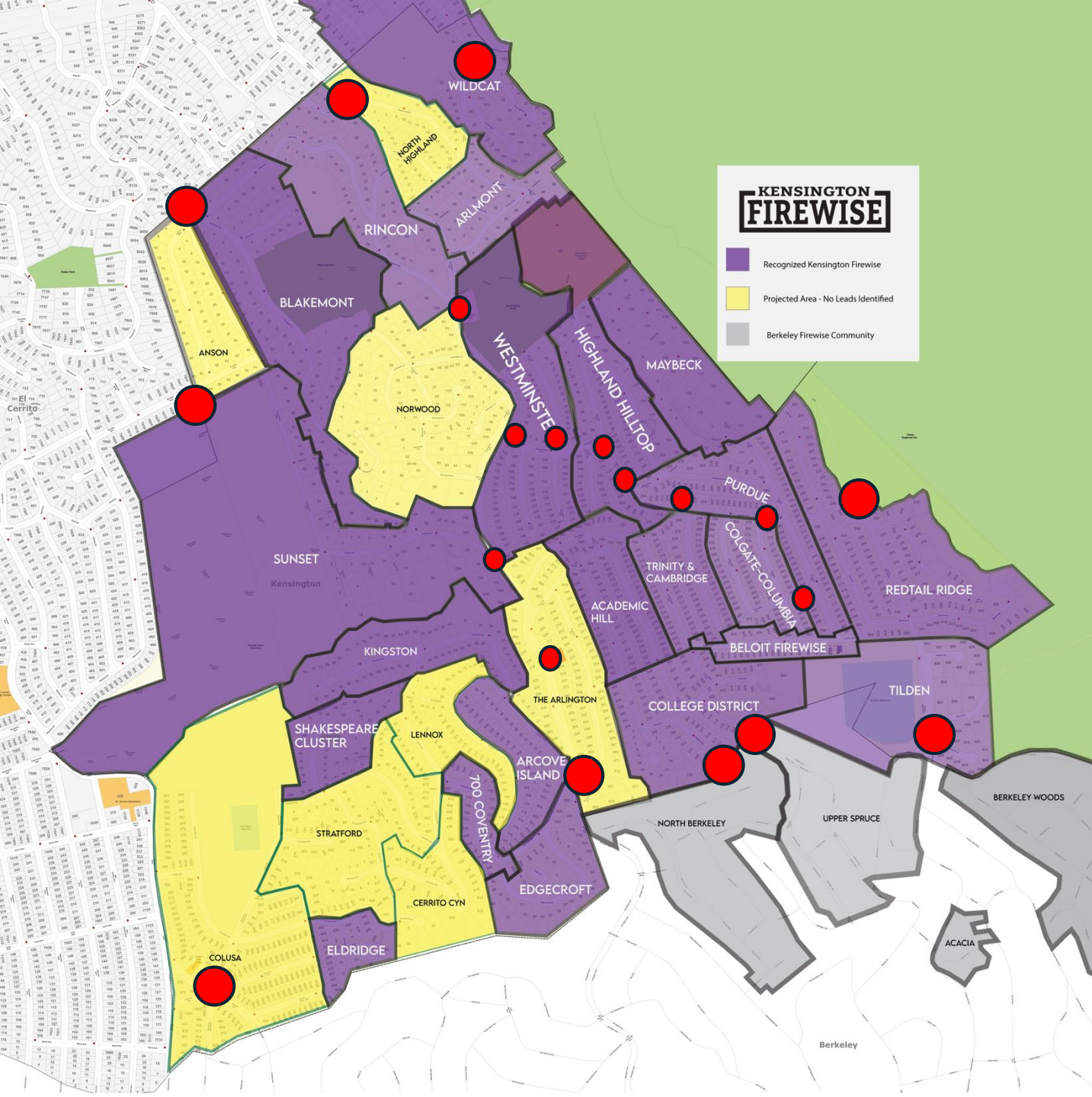


RED FLAG READY
CLEARING THE WAY, TOGETHER



RED FLAG PLACEMENT

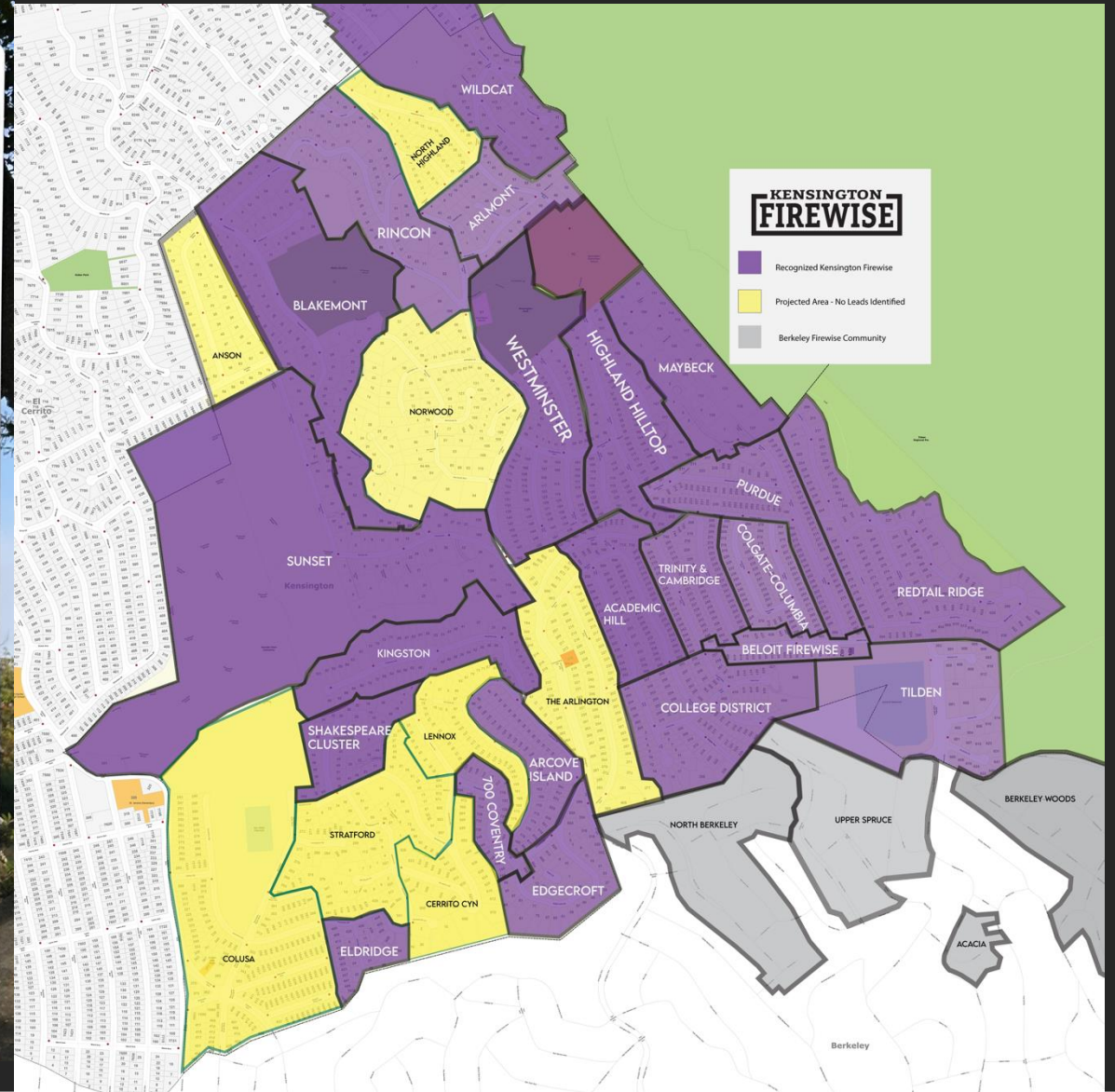
- Subcommittee establishing placement and distribution plan
- Prioritizing entry points into Kensington
- Storing in an accessible location : Community Center
- Testing resistance to wind



KENSINGTON FIREWISE

- Recognized Kensington Firewise
- Projected Area - No Leads Identified
- Berkeley Firewise Community

KENSINGTON
FIREWISE





CONGRATULATIONS!!
**Your home is now in a
Firewise Community**

Welcome to Firewise!

Kensington has reached a **major** milestone with establishing more than 20 Firewise Communities.

Most insurance companies give a small discount for living in a Firewise Community. Read more on the back.

A Firewise Community:

- Brings neighbors together around a shared mission to protect our neighborhood.
- Helps reduce the risk of losing homes to wildfire.
- Qualifies us for discounts with some insurers, and shows our neighborhood is taking action.
- Strengthens relationships between residents and first responders.

**Visit your Firewise Community page
on the Kensington Firewise website.**

- 1.** Go to www.kensingtonfirewise.org





Neighborhoods working together on wildfire resilience & readiness

We are the network of Firewise Communities in Kensington, California, an unincorporated town in Contra Costa County. Organized by neighborhood volunteers and supported by our District officials and first responders, our goal is to connect with *every* Kensington resident and ensure they are prepared for a wildfire event.

Interested in organizing a Firewise group? We can help you get started. Contact us at kensingtonfirewise@gmail.com

Our 21 Recognized Firewise Communities

-- *Community pages* --

Report your activities, contact your Organizers, download a Community map, Certificate, and verification letter for insurers.

[700 Coventry](#)

[Academic Hill](#)

[Arcove Island](#)

[Arlmont](#)

[Beloit](#)

[Blakemont](#)

[Colgate-Columbia](#)

[College District](#)

[Edgecroft](#)

[Eldridge](#)

[Highland Hilltop](#)

[Kingston](#)

[Maybeck](#)

[Purdue](#)

[Redtail Ridge](#)

[Rincon](#)

[Shakespeare Cluster](#)

[Sunset](#)

[Tilden](#)

[Westminster](#)

[Wildcat](#)

SUNSET FIREWISE



Sunset Drive Neighborhood Gathering

When: THURSDAY, MAY 14TH

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Where: SUNSET TERRACE

Discuss concerns about

FIRE SAFETY
TRAFFIC SAFETY
ROAD CONDITIONS & EVACUATION FEASIBILITY
OVERHEAD WIRES
GRANTS FOR FUEL REDUCTION

with

DAVID ARANDA, K.C.S.D. General Manager

JOHNNY VALENZUELA, Neighborhood Firewise Liaison

and your neighbors.

A group of CERT members wearing green hard hats and high-visibility vests are gathered around a person lying on a stretcher outdoors. One member is wearing a hat and a vest with 'KENSINGTON FIRE' on it. In the background, a screen displays the word 'CERT'.

CERT IS BACK

BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE PREPARED COMMUNITY

EL CERRITO & KENSINGTON RESIDENTS WELCOME!

CERT COMMUNITY KICKOFF POTLUCK + MEETUP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 6:30 PM

Kensington Community Center - 59 Arlington Ave.

RSVP & More information: www.kensingtonfire.org/cert

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE COURSE!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING



- **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**
- **FIRE SAFETY & HAZARDS**
- **MEDICAL RESPONSE**
- **SEARCH & RESCUE**
- **& MORE!**

BEGINS
OCT 2026
COURSE BASED IN KENSINGTON
FREE ENROLLMENT

RICHARD MARLOW BLOCK CERT

Prep & Polka

GETTING CAMPY READY

A little bubbles, a little basics



DATE:
Saturday,
May 9th 2026



TIME:
10:00–11:00 AM



LOCATION:
68 Richardson

CERT Block Event

Bring your Checklist and Enter the raffle!