

In 2021, we sent you a survey on wildfire risk.

Who responded?

Over **584** households in the Genesee Fire Protection District! The response rate was **45%**, which is very high for this type of survey. Thank you so much for participating.

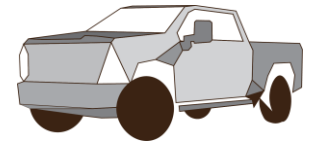
Who are we?

Genesee Fire Rescue (GFR) provides fire protection and emergency response services in the Genesee Fire Protection District (GFPD). We collaborated with the Wildfire Research Center to collect & analyze the data in this mailer.

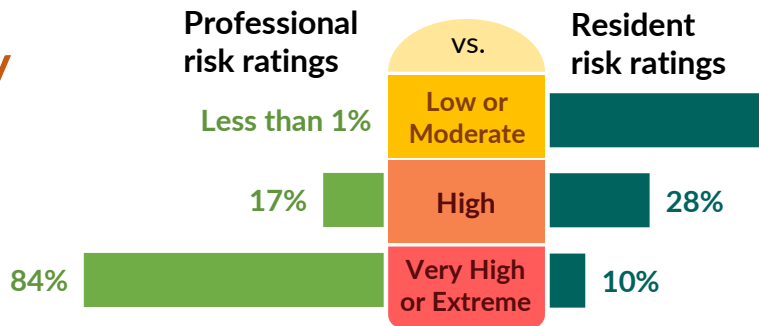


We also sent professionals to assess your wildfire risk.

Your home's wildfire risk may be higher than you think.



Our data suggest that residents view wildfire risk differently than wildfire professionals.



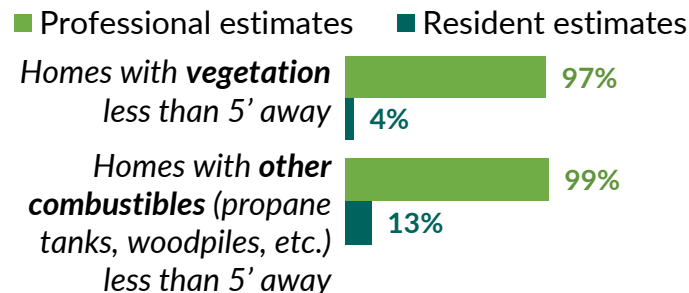
Professionals most commonly rated homes' risk as **Very High, or Extreme.**

Most residents rated their home's risk as **Low or Moderate.**

(Each risk rating is relative to the rest of the community, not to the rest of the county or the US overall.)

Is your defensible space big enough? Start by looking at the vegetation and other combustibles within 5 feet of your home.

By professional estimate, most homes in the study area have less than 5 feet of defensible space.



How to reduce wildfire risk within 5 ft of your home:

- Clear pine needles & debris from roof, gutters, on/under deck, & foundation of home
- Keep weeds/grasses under 4 inches
- Remove tree branches overhanging the home
- Move firewood and propane tanks at least 30ft away from home
- Dispose of slash from tree & shrub thinning

Visit this website for a comprehensive list for the whole defensible space:
<https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/home-ignition-zone-checklists/>



Questions? Please contact us!

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We've made a lot of progress, but there's more work to be done.

What you can do:

Buy a reflective address sign

Reflective address signs help firefighters find your house in dark, smoky conditions. For more info & where to buy, visit: geneseefpd.colorado.gov/reflective-address-signs



Sign up for new emergency communication system

Sign up for our new emergency notification system, Lookout Alert (formerly CodeRed) for evacuation alerts. geneseefpd.colorado.gov/emergency-preparedness



Make an evacuation plan

Visit this website for resources on how to prepare your house to evacuate, what to pack, and communication tips: geneseefpd.colorado.gov/wildfire-evacuation-checklists



What we can do with you:

Schedule a Wildfire Prepared home visit

Sign up for a detailed, on-site wildfire risk assessment of your property: <https://www.wildfireprepared.com/>

Join our community meeting, 6pm, April 14th via Zoom

Ask the Wildfire Research Center about the data we collected. The presentation will also be recorded. For the Zoom invite, visit geneseefpd.colorado.gov/wire



Participate in the GFR Slash Drop-Off on July 30

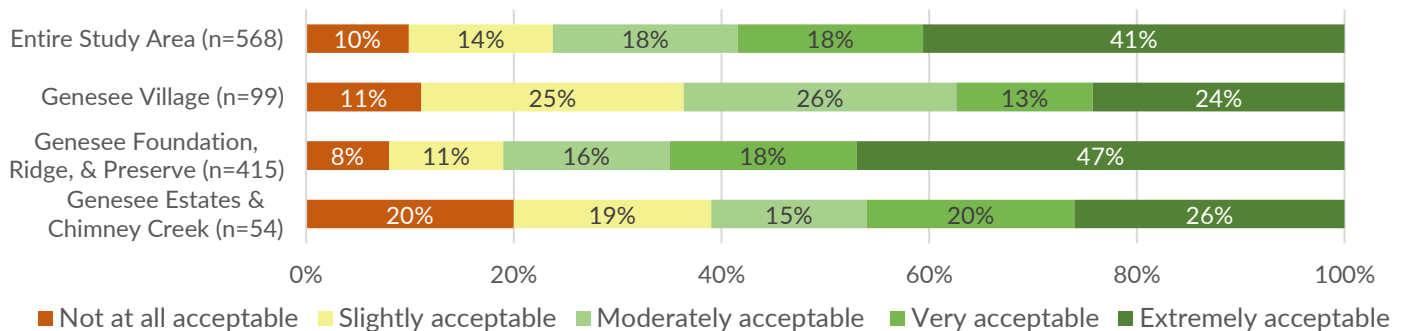
Remove vegetation around the home and bring it to us! On July 30, we'll provide free wood chipping services to anyone in the Genesee Fire Protection District.

Learn more about your risk

Visit our website to access your personal wildfire risk data. geneseefpd.colorado.gov/wire

What we might do in the future: Build an emergency road!

Would you support the construction of a new emergency evacuation road? Most survey respondents indicated support. Here's the breakdown by community:



* n stands for the number of survey respondents in that community