

# **FireSmart Power Hour:**

Program Updates & Upcoming Campaigns

May 4th, 2022



# **Agenda**

- 1. National Update
- 2. Provincial Update
- 3. Penticton FireSmart Success
- 4. 2022 FireSmart BC Campaign

#### FireSmart Power Hour



## **National Program Update**

FireSmart Canada is gearing -up to help support the provinces and territories in their FireSmart journey.

- Additional staff will begin work in May to expand the communications and technical support
- Ongoing improvements to the FireSmart Canada website
- Launch of the FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition portal
- Nova Scotia will welcome their first recognized neighbourhood in May
- Redesign of the app FireSmart Begins at Home (available from the Apple and Google stores)
   enabling residents to complete a wildfire home assessment
- A new governance model is being implemented to include a FireSmart Canada Advisory
   Committee. The purpose of the committee is to engage national, non-government organizations, in partnering to share a wildfire resilience message to all Canadians in the WUI



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# Provincial Update - FireSmart BC Team



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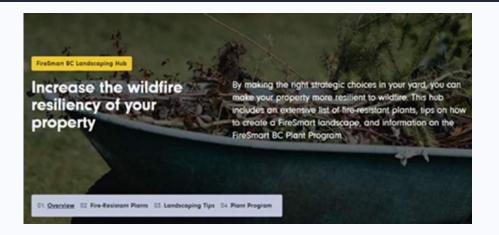
## **FireSmart Power Hour - Plant Program**





Easily find FireSmart plants at a store near you







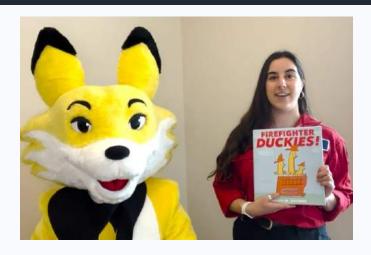
#### FireSmart Power Hour - Education



# Education Box Resource Manual











#### FireSmart Power Hour - Ember's Den



#### **Ember Request Platform**

The Ember mascot suit is available for use at your local community FireSmart event if you are affiliated with a local government, First Nation or Indigenous community, or BCFSC member agency.

Before submitting, make sure you've read through the <u>Ember the FireSmart Fox</u> <u>Costume Guidelines!</u>



1) Step 1: Read and print out the costume guidelines form

Before proceeding, ensure that you have both read and printed out the <u>Ember</u> the <u>FireSmart Fox Costume Guidelines</u>. You will need to bring a signed version of this to the place of pick up (which will be determined below).

2) Step 2: Identify which Fire Center you live in

Using the map below, identify which fire centre you live in. This will determine where you will be requesting the Ember suit from. Please type in your street address and city into the top of the map to determine your fire centre.

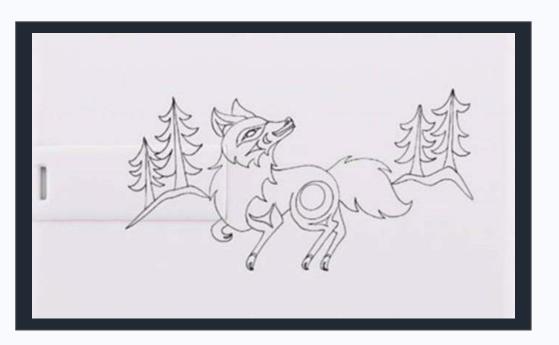






# **FireSmart Power Hour - Indigenous Outreach**





FireSmart BC Education Package for all First Nations in BC

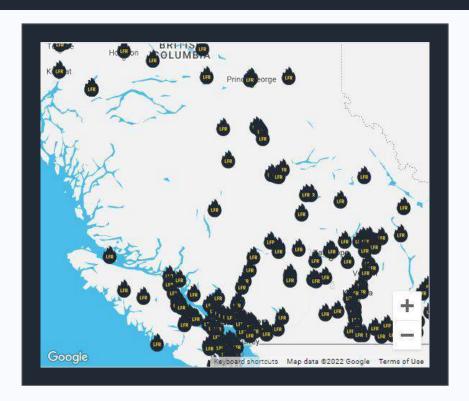
#### Package includes:

- Videos
- Podcast
- Print Resources
- USB
- Hard copy materials



# FireSmart Power Hour - Local FireSmart Representatives







- FireSmart BC 5 LFR workshops (Nov 2021- April 2022)
- 419 trained LFR's
- FCNRP Portal



#### FireSmart Power Hour - FireSmart BC Conference





# 2022 FireSmart BC Conference

**Building Collaboration & Community** 



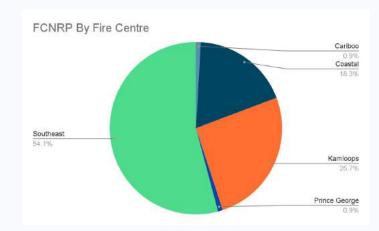
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# 2021 Neighbourhood Recognition Program

In 2021 the FireSmart Community Recognition Program evolved into the the FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program. The new program allows homeowners within a community to be recognized for neighbourhood specific recognition.

The Program saw an increase of 43 new neighbourhoods being recognized Provincially, with half of those being in the Southeast Fire Centre region.

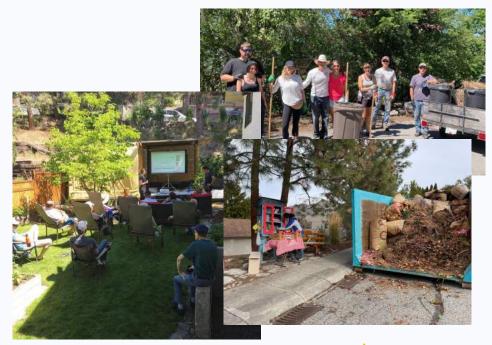




#### FireSmart Power Hour - FCNRP in Penticton



- 2021: 5 recognized neighbourhoods
- 2022: 2 additional recognized neighbourhoods
- Events
  - Bin days
  - Information sessions / Pancake breakfasts
  - Areas of concern
- Making connections, removing barriers
  - Neighbourhood Champions via FCNRP or HPP





# FireSmart Power Hour - Plant Program Penticton



## **Gaining Interest**

- February 2022 FireSmart Landscaping Webinar
- Focus on landscapers, garden centres and nurseries in and around Penticton
- Presenting on FireSmart Landscaping and the FireSmart BC Plant Tagging Program

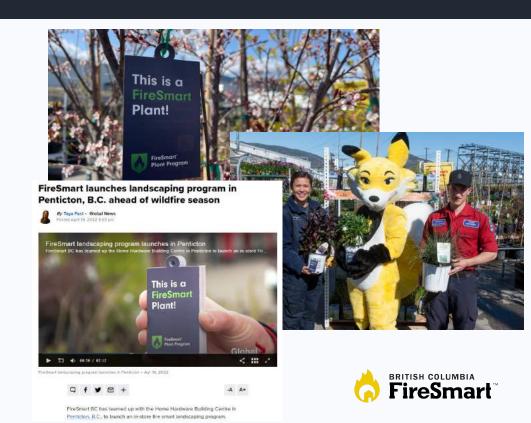


# FireSmart Power Hour - Plant Program Penticton



#### Penticton Home Hardware

- Social Media / News Coverage
- Information Booth and Program Launch
  - Featuring Ember the fox and BC
     Wildfire Crew Members
- Other nurseries gaining interest
- Positive feedback from city residents





# **Spring Campaign**





# FireSmart Power Hour - Spring Campaign Overview



Our 2022 Spring Campaign is centered around the idea that individuals across the province have both the **power** and **responsibility** to help lower their property's wildfire risk level. We've used the iconic "Fire Danger Rating" sign to convey how minor tasks, common chores and a little everyday elbow grease are all people need to take action.

The campaign includes 3 30 second TV ads, 3 unique billboard designs and digital ad/social media assets, all of which will be seen throughout the province in areas where risk levels are high and our core audience lives and recreates.



# **FireSmart Power Hour - TV Ad (Gutters)**

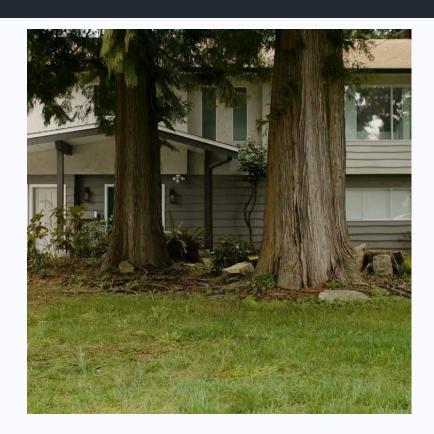






# **FireSmart Power Hour - TV Ad (Lawn)**

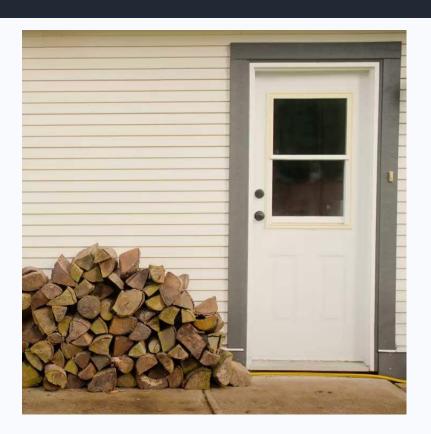






# **FireSmart Power Hour - TV Ad (Firewood)**







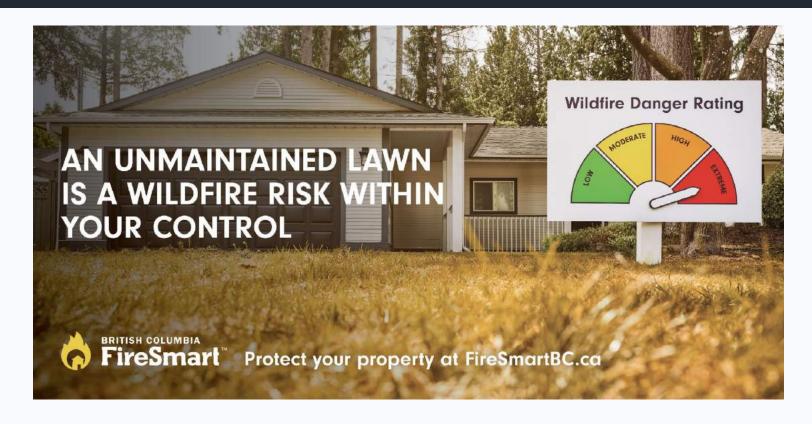
# FireSmart Power Hour - Billboard (gutters)





## FireSmart Power Hour - Billboard (lawn)





## FireSmart Power Hour - Billboard (firewood)





# FireSmart Power Hour - Digital (Ads, Social, Web)





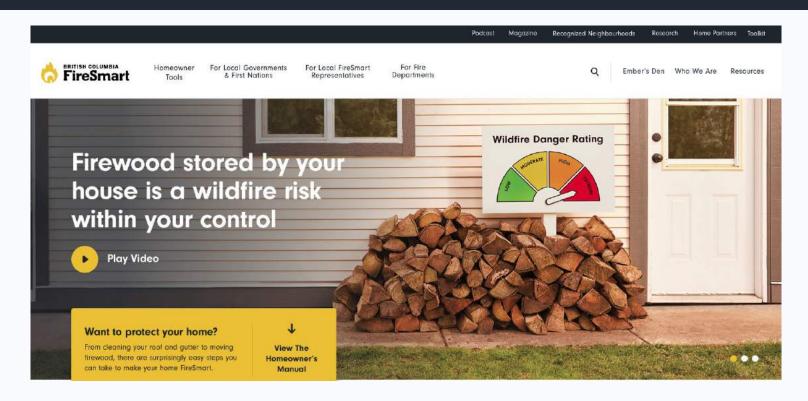






#### FireSmart Power Hour - FireSmartBC.ca





#### FireSmart Power Hour - Get Involved!



- FireSmart is shared responsibility, so is spreading the word!
- Participation from our partners makes a massive difference in the effectiveness of the campaign
- Tools provided include: Videos, Images, Copy, Printable Materials and Key Links

All hosted on: www.firesmartbc.ca/campaign-resources

