



San Marcos Fire Department Wildfire Preparedness



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Annual Efforts

Inspecting and clearing vegetation on city-maintained properties to reduce fire risks (annually averaging 65 acres).

Annually inspecting and enforcing defensible space requirements for homes within high fire hazard severity zones (annually averaging 7800 parcels).

Conducting inspections upon the sale of properties within high fire hazard zones to ensure compliance with defensible space requirements.

Secured a 2023 grant for clearing vegetation along critical evacuation routes in the Coronado Hills and surrounding areas.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Approved CWPP to secure future wildfire preparedness grants and guide local mitigation efforts.



FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

Firefighting Equipment

Type 3 engines stationed at all fire stations. These 4x4 engines are specifically designed for navigating difficult terrain and combating wildfires.

Wildfire Operation

Training

Conducting comprehensive annual training for fire department personnel to ensure wildfire readiness.

Participating in the Annual County Wildland Drill to improve inter-agency coordination and response capabilities.



WATER RESOURCES

Helopod

Installed a heli-hydrant in 2024 in Santa Fe Hills, providing a reliable, refillable water source for aerial firefighting assets within the community.

Hydrants

Perform annual inspection of fire hydrants to ensure operational readiness.



ISO CLASS 1 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Class 1

San Marcos Fire Department is one of 37 California Fire Departments that received a Class 1 rating from the Insurance Service Office.

ISO evaluates Firefighting Equipment, the City's Water Supply, Communications, and Fire Prevention Efforts.



COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Public Education and Outreach

Offering wildfire safety and evacuation informational sessions including an annual Wildfire Fire Preparedness Fair.

Evacuation System

Utilizing the Genasys Protect Evacuation System to enhance public safety during emergencies.

Fire-Resistant Construction Standards

Requiring all new homes built in high fire severity zones to adhere to robust fire-resistive construction standard.



For a free wildfire risk home assessment, call (760) 744-1050 x3409 to schedule.