



Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Training Program Join Our Class of 2023

The Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) is a 2020 national award winner in the wildfire mitigation arena and has conducted numerous risk reduction projects. This is the third annual presentation of the class, having trained program that trained 60 personnel in 30 neighborhoods in 10 different localities in Colorado, Montana, and Oregon. The EPG is once again presenting this free course to share their experiences in both performing wildfire mitigation and training others in mitigation and organization of a mitigation project.

An added benefit for the 2023 program is that participating neighborhoods will have the opportunity to earn a free chipping day provided by the EPG.

The wildfire mitigation training will start with a virtual kick-off meeting on Tuesday, February 21st. The kick-off meeting will take approximately 90 minutes, present an overview of the program, and answer questions.

The program consists of a virtual training module each Tuesday night from February 28th through March 21st, one on-site module to train and certify group members to perform Wildfire Risk Assessments on April 4th, and a final virtual session on April 11th. The virtual modules will cover topics such as organizing a neighborhood project, identifying resources for fire, forestry, and home hardening services, how to involve your neighbors, planning for rolling chipping days, instruction on preferred vegetation for wildfire risk areas, and how to connect with the local resources needed to support their project.

This training program is being presented in association with the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management and Colorado State Forest Service. Instruction adheres to guidelines from the National Firewise program.

Go to this [EventBrite link](#) to sign up for the kick-off event.

Go to www.tlumc.org/outreach/epg or our Facebook page - [Wildfire Neighborhood Ambassadors](#) - for more information on the program.