

## Free, Simple Sign Could Save Your Home in a Wildfire

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After watching the massive 2020 LNU wildfire burn thousands of acres, destroy his neighbors' homes and threaten his home, John Mills teamed up with local firefighters and community leaders to create a simple sign that helps first responders better defend properties.

“The sign is designed to be simple, cheap and effective,” said John Mills, founder of Sherwood Wildfire. “I asked my fighter friends what information they needed to better defend a property, and they all came back with a lot of the same answers. So, we designed a simple-to-read and use sign, and decided to give it away free for anyone to print out at home and use.”

The Homeowner Wildfire Suppression Sign is free to download at [sherwoodwildfire.com](https://sherwoodwildfire.com) or can be purchased, pre-printed on a sturdy, lightweight material for \$10 + shipping.

“In 2020, teams of fire crews came from all over the world to help us fight these massive wildfires, but they were not familiar with the area,” said Sonoma Wildfire Battalion Chief Jeff Lemelin. “We encouraged

residents and businesses to spray paint information on boards or fences to help us better defend their properties. If every wildfire-risk property used this sign in 2021, it would make a big difference.”

The Homeowner Wildfire Suppression Sign is designed to give firefighters all the information they need to defend a property against wildfires. It lists the location of water sources, the location of combustibles like gas cans and your contact information. It even has a space to list your wifi and password.

Firefighter Jason Hodge added: “Most people wouldn’t think to include their wifi information, but during wildfires, cell service is often spotty. Wifi access for fire teams is a major communication advantage, especially in rural areas. For property owners, it’s a bonus because firefighters are more likely to stay close to a property if they can access communications.”

Sherwood Wildfire ([sherwoodwildfire.com](http://sherwoodwildfire.com)) is a Sonoma-based Not-For-Profit organization formed in late 2020 to help give firefighters and residents resources they need to save homes and lives. Sherwood Wildfire has applied for 501(c)(3) (non-profit) status.

All proceeds from the sale of the pre-printed Homeowner Wildfire Suppression Sign go towards the development of fire safety systems to help wildfire teams.