

Below are some resources that Jim obtained from Melissa Baffa (Ventura Land Trust) about wildfires. Melissa notes that they are mostly Ventura specific, but are applicable elsewhere.

- VLT Fire video (just released a few weeks ago): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBE0nYOOJ5Q>
- Ventura County Disaster Preparedness Guide (English): https://s45897.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ReadyVC_PreparednessGuide_2023_English.pdf
- Ventura County Fire Department Ready, Set, Go! Guide (English): <https://vcfd.org/ready-set-go/>
- Ventura County Fire Department Ready, Set, Go! Guide (Spanish): <https://s45897.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/VCFD-Ready-Set-Go-Booklet-SP-Digital.pdf>
- Ready.gov – Disaster Kit list (multiple languages): <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
- Link to Ventura (City) Fire Hazard Reduction Program (FHRP): <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1810/Fire-Hazard-Reduction-Program-FHRP>
- Link to Ventura (County) defensible space clearance requirements: https://vcfd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/418-Defensible_Space.pdf
- A recent statement and informational post put out by the [Theodore Payne Foundation](#) collates a lot of wildfire resources in one place. <http://bit.ly/4jY9Wao>
- The Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council has a [free home assessment program](#) to help you understand how to better harden your home against wildfire. If you are interested in banding together with neighbors, you could also work toward becoming a [Firewise Community](#). <https://venturafiresafe.org/>
- In the vein of “if a little of something is good for you, then a lot of it must be better,” science has shown us that this is not always the case. A [decade-old publication by the California Fire Science Consortium](#) has tackled the question of whether we ought to increase the distance requirement for defensible space. <https://bit.ly/3EDwJlv>
- And a recent [podcast by the Golden State Naturalist with fire expert Dr. Alexandra Syphard about fire in built environments](#) is fascinating and well worth a listen, if you are concerned about wildfire in Southern California, or just want to learn more. <https://bit.ly/3EwRZQf>
- City of Ventura – Ventura Voices podcast – Episode 11 - <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/2599/Ventura-Voices-Podcast>
- City of Ventura – Ventura Voices podcast – Episode 10 - <https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/venturavoices/episodes/10--Facing-wildfire-Fire--Water-in-action-e2vdvrh/a-abq77ti>
- CalFire – Defensible Space: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/dspace>
- The REAL story of the LA Fires (documentary): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiX9t_wovEY
- The National Fire Protection Association (NNFPA) is a U.S.-based international nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property damage, and economic loss due to fire: <https://www.nfpa.org/>
- Santa Monica Mountains: Why This Park Does Not Use Prescribed Fire – (Important to note that this article talks a lot about chaparral, which we do not have, but that much of the information overlaps for coastal sage scrub): <https://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/management/prescribedfires.htm>