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## **Wildfire Education Programs for Marion County**

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Since last September's wildfires, the OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources Program and the OSU Extension Fire Program have been busy working on post-fire education programs. Marion County Extension Forester, Glenn Ahrens, and Education Program Assistant, Amanda Brenner, have developed the "[Fire aware. Fire prepared](#)" wildfire education program and the "[Reforestation Assistance for Landowners Who Need to Replant after Wildfire](#)" program.

The "Fire aware. Fire prepared" (FAFP) program is a statewide initiative that teaches all aspects of wildfire preparedness and wildfire ecology. In July, Glenn and Amanda hosted a FAFP program where we invited representatives from the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, City of Salem Fire, Marion County Emergency Management, and others to talk about wildfire preparedness in Marion County. The recorded video and other resources can be found at the [Fire Preparedness in Marion County](#) website.



For the reforestation assistance program, Glenn and Amanda have surveyed landowners who need information, resources, and financial relief. We have started an outreach campaign to work with the landowners who filled out the survey. We are working with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to secure seedlings for landowners in need, and we have partnered with the North Santiam Watershed Council (NSWC) to further assist landowners with their seedling and planting needs. If you are interested in signing up for assistance, please fill out our [survey](#).

Wildfire is part of the environment in Oregon, and last year's events reminded us all that it can happen anywhere at any time. We recognize that last years' experience was

traumatic for many Oregonian's. The Forestry and Natural Resources team in Marion County is working to give the community the tools that it needs to recover from wildfires and prepare for future events. We will continue to offer programs like these and design more based on the needs of Marion County.

Links embedded in this article:

Fire Aware. Fire Prepared. – <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program/online-webinar-guide>

Reforestation Assistance for Landowners Who Need to Replant after Wildfire – <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire/reforestation-assistance-landowners-who-need-replant-after-wildfire>

Fire Preparedness in Marion County – <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/video/fire-preparedness-marion-county?fbclid=IwAR3hzWNIssBHT9heUoWhZ63kxhauxTN15Gc65l82uXwxIUxhhz4sRMW914A>

Seedling and Planting Assistance Survey – [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSell8\\_V9VeXS8u4G67hGkjMX8XEK5iNkoB3DJ6xkScsEypB7Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSell8_V9VeXS8u4G67hGkjMX8XEK5iNkoB3DJ6xkScsEypB7Q/viewform)

OSU Extension Fire Program – <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program>

OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources - <https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/forestry-and-natural-resources>