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May is designated as National Wildfire Awareness Month. Firewise communities in the United States, including the American Red Cross and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, have joined forces to help promote the prevention and preparedness of fires among communities and residents.

As the weather warms, wildfire season, which can last from March onward, starts to grow and last through June. The risk of wildfires is higher because of this, so people should take steps to prepare for wildfires.

Much of Utah exists within a fire-adapted ecosystem, and many Utah residents have become increasingly aware of the importance of protecting their property and communities in Utah. It could reach as much as 90% of the landscape and property and has significant ecological impact.

The National Cooperative Wildland Fire Management Strategy, a national, all-lands approach to wildfire management, is applicable to Utah. The approach aims to reduce wildfire risks and enhance resiliency across jurisdictions.

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Byoot a structure assessment or fire adaptation services to meet Utah's Wildfire Mitigation Ordinance and the Firewise Communities Program. This can be completed by a consultant or through online tools.

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In additional to the above resources, the City of Moab has developed a Wildfire Ready Home Program to help residents prepare their homes for wildfire.

In summary, it is essential to take proactive steps to prevent wildfires, protect your property, and stay informed about wildfire conditions in your area. Together, we can work towards creating a safer and more fire-resistant community.

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Drought-tolerant grasses will be used in the installation of a new irrigation system to ensure the landscape is resilient to water scarcity.

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The Pathways Firewise Home Program is in progress to help residents become ready for wildfire season. Home inspection forms are available for the Pathways Firewise Home Program.

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