

Suggested Policies and Actions
Ready and Resilient Systems
Fire and Emergency Management

Policies

1. Support the goals, objectives, and actions of the Western Maui Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
2. Require new development to incorporate defensible space around structures and communities and ongoing maintenance of defensible space.
3. Require community buildings that will serve as emergency shelters to be built to hurricane standards.

Actions (Lead County Agency)

1. Develop a wildfire information campaign with signage to build public awareness of wildfire hazards. Improve community awareness of the human, economic, and environmental costs associated with wildfires caused by negligence or accident. Engage the community to create and maintain fire breaks, and to consider native dryland plants in landscaping in the drier areas of West Maui. (MFD)
2. Amend the Maui County Code to require new development to incorporate defensible space around structures and communities and require ongoing maintenance of defensible spaces. (DPW)
3. Amend the Maui County Code to require landowners of large vacant land in high fire hazard areas to prepare and carry out a fuel management plan. (DPW)
4. Conduct a feasibility study to determine the appropriate place for a new fire station along Honoapi'ilani Highway, south of Lahaina, to address increased call volume and improve response time in that area. (MFD)
5. Annually fund maintenance of a GIS database of fire suppression infrastructure, such as hydrants, fire stations, and locations of firefighting apparatus, and collection of post-fire monitoring data. (ITS)
6. Identify additional emergency shelter facilities that include storage of supplies and are located away from areas susceptible to natural hazards in West Maui. (MEMA)
7. Identify emergency evacuation routes throughout West Maui. (MEMA)