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The Fire Information Engine Toolkit was developed by the Center for Fire Research and Outreach in the College of Natural Resources at the University of California, Berkeley. The primary mission of the Center for Fire Research and Outreach is to develop and disseminate science-based solutions to wildfire-related challenges.

To carry out this mission, the Center draws on the strong teaching, research, and public service mission of the University of California, Berkeley, as well as the mission of the College of Natural Resources to generate and disseminate knowledge in the natural and social sciences to provide the tools to both protect the Earth's natural resources and ensure economic and ecological sustainability for future generations.

Drawing on the expertise of Center faculty and researchers, our primary goals are to:
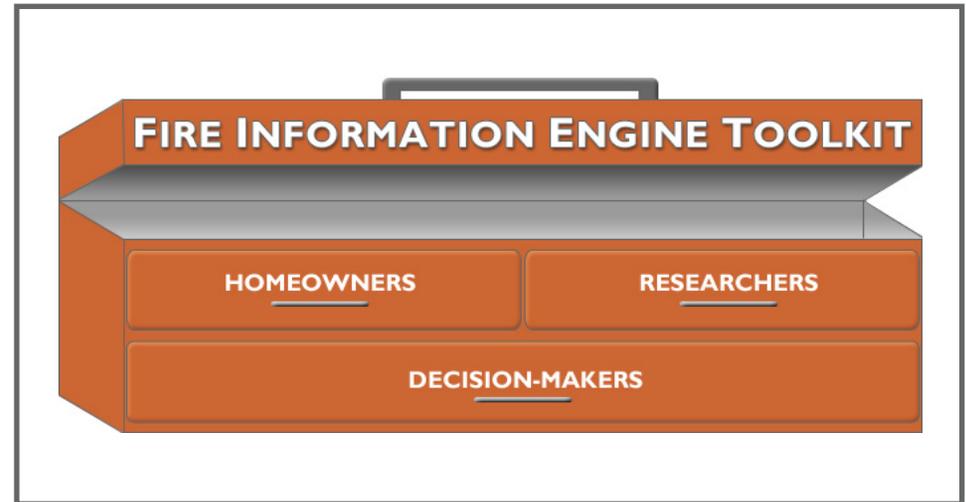
* Facilitate collaboration on innovative solutions to wildfire challenges;

* Support education and training efforts focused on interdisciplinary approaches to wildfire research and management; and

* Cooperate with stakeholders to fill their need for information and resources before, during, and after wildfires.

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FIRE INFORMATION ENGINE TOOLKIT

HOMEOWNERS   RESEARCHERS

DECISION-MAKERS

Practical tools for homeowners and communities in the wildland-urban interface

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About the Toolkit

Find the toolkit on the web at **http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/toolkit**. Click the "Homeowners" link to access the tools described here.

The Fire Information Engine Toolkit was developed by the Center for Fire Research and Outreach in the College of Natural Resources at the University of California, Berkeley to provide Internet-available, interactive, science-based tools to help homeowners, decision-makers, and researchers better understand where wildfires occur and how to protect homes and neighborhoods, as well as get up-to-the-minute wildfire news.

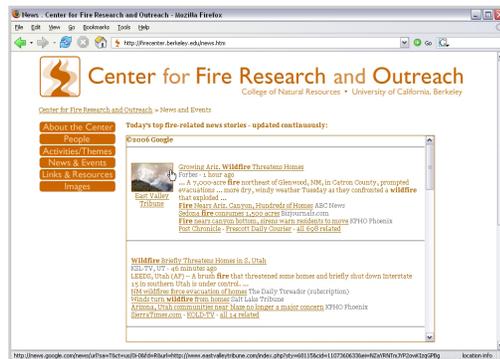Some of the specific tools available include:

Homeowner Wildfire Assessment

To use this interactive website, answer a series of questions about your home and yard. Once you submit your answers, you will receive a customized "report card" detailing steps you can take to reduce wildfire hazards.
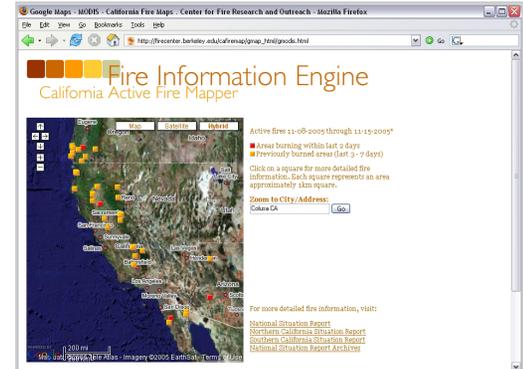
Up-to-the-minute Wildfire News

Visit this page to get the latest wildfire news from around the world. The information is updated every time you refresh your web browser.
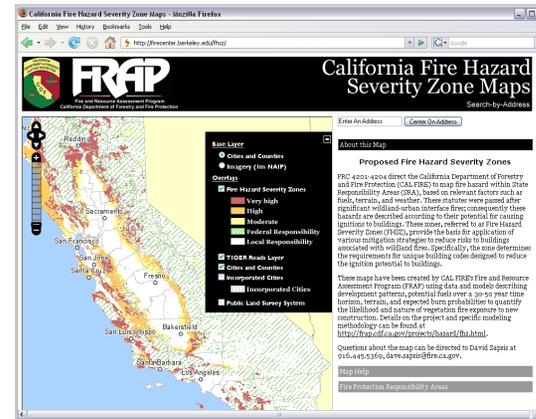
California Active Fire Mapper

Check this page for the locations of active wildfires in California. This page also has links to more information on current wildfires, including the latest situation reports.

Search-by-address Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The latest Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection are available in a user-friendly format that allows you to search by your own address to find out which zone your home falls into.

Search-by-address Wildfire Maps

You can use this web page to search for your own address and find wildfire information including how many fires have happened near your home and whether you live in the wildland-urban interface.