



El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

CERT Community Emergency Response Team Training May 20, 23, 24

Establishes a partnering between emergency services and the people they serve. 530-621-5895 for information

CHIPPING PROGRAM FREE!!!!

The EDCFSC has received grant funds to provide chipping for neighborhoods willing to work together to be fire safe.

- All you have to do to qualify is:
- Create **DEFENSIBLE SPACE OF 100' FROM BUILDINGS / 20' FROM ROADS**
- Stack brush accessible to chipping machines, wider than high.
- Nothing bigger than 7" diameter
- No wire, rocks, dirt, lumber, spiny plants, poison oak or blackberries.

Complete a "Request for Chipping" form www.edcfiresafe.org



SENIOR & DISABLED PROGRAM - FREE VEGETATION CLEARING

Owner must be over 60 years old and/or unable to physically or financially remove brush. Must be primary residence. Services include raking, weed eating and removal of brush or woody debris around structures. Call Linda @ 620-5550 or Elizabeth @ 620-2141 for an evaluation and help with filing request form. If you have knowledge of anyone in our Fire Safe area or within El Dorado County, please pass this information on.

DO I NEED A BURN PERMIT?

If you are burning material in a pile greater than 4x4 feet you **MUST** have a burn permit from El Dorado County Air Quality Management District. For piles 4'x4' or smaller you need a state burn permit from May 1st on through the end of fire season that you can obtain from CalFire at the "Y."

1. All burning must take place on a designated BURN DAY, call 621-5897 immediately prior to igniting your pile of brush.
2. Residential burning is limited to tree trimmings, vines, brush, leaves, lawn clippings and dry plants. Collected on your property.
3. Household garbage, paper, junk mail, cardboard, cans, glass, furniture, plastics, rubber, tires, tar paper, asphalt shingles, treated lumber, insulation, caulking tubes, paints metal and wire are some of the materials you may not burn.
4. You can request a Green Waste Voucher for free access to the waste disposal facility (dump) on Sacramento Road in Diamond Springs.
5. You can request a chipper for larger branches.

Material size drying times:

Items smaller than 6 inches in diameter need three to six weeks drying times; over six inches will require 6 weeks or more.

Shelter in place - As an alternative to evacuation.

During a wildfire wear cotton or wool long pants, long sleeve shirts or jackets, gloves and have a damp cloth to cover your nose and mouth. Do not wear synthetics...they melt. Back your car in the garage facing out and keep windows closed and keys in ignition. Close garage door, but leave unlocked. Disconnect auto door opener in case of power failure. Move combustible yard furniture from exterior of home. Attach garden hoses to spigots. Fill sinks and tubs with water. Close windows, attic openings, leave vents and sub floor vents with fire resistant material. Place an aluminum ladder against house on side opposite the approaching fire for firefighters. Close interior doors to slow fire spread. Leave porch, yard, and interior lights on, more visible in heavy smoke. Shut off propane at tank. *More information at May 21 Meeting.*

"R U" doing the right thing the wrong way?

For example, trying to eliminate the fire hazards around your home and in the process starting a wildland fire? Here is how to do it the right way.

- ⊗ Never lawn-mow DRY vegetation, use a weed eater
- ⊗ Remove rocks in area, sparks from hitting one with blade may ignite grass
- ⊗ Spark arrestors are required on all portable equipment
- ⊗ Keep exhaust system in proper working order/don't top off fuel
- ⊗ Keep engine free of oil, dust and flammable material.
- ⊗ Permit may be needed for welding or grinding in Wildland areas/clear 10'
- ⊗ Hot exhaust pipes can cause ignition...put equip on gravel or bare dirt
- ⊗ Keep a shovel, water and cell phone nearby

NASHVILLE-SANDRIDGE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

MEETING APRIL 23, WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. * 3021 Sandridge Ct., El Dorado

Next Meeting – Same Time, Same Place

Peter Meza from the California State Insurance Commissioners Office will speak for 15 minutes regarding before and after a wildland fire.

David Jaramillo of **FIREWISE**, a national fire protection/education organization, will speak for 15 minutes regarding getting established as a **FIREWISE** Community which opens the door to more grants to further protect our neighborhood.

Diamond Fire will be available to discuss
THE FIRE SEASON AHEAD ... IT IS ALREADY TOO DRY!!!!

Elizabeth Standeven will speak about the progress on our Wolverine project.

Orders for reflective number signs will be taken .

Address signs available - \$20

Foothill Sign Center in Shingle Springs will make up reflective 6"x18" green with white numeral signs for us. Call Linda to order or fill out and mail back with your check to:
Linda Colombo * 7979 Hwy 49 * El Dorado, Ca 95623 620-5550

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Address numerals _____

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Enclose check for \$20.00.....Will deliver to May 21 Fire safe meeting

DESSERTS, COFFEE, TEA AND WATER WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO STAY AND SHARE IDEAS AND CONCERNS.

Please plan to attend this meeting. The fire threat this year seems earlier than usual. This is a community protection effort . Logtown and Sandridge – Outingdale .

FSC are working hard to make this a contiguous Fire Safe Area in the South County. It will only work if we all support each others efforts.

For information

Linda 620-5550

Elizabeth 620-2141

Current Projects

Corner of Sand Ridge Road and Tripp Road

Have you noticed the dramatic clearing this spring of the property along the north side of Sand Ridge Road at the intersection with Tripp Road? This project was partially funded by CFIP (California Forest Improvement Program). This is not a grant like many of the other projects that we have undertaken, but rather, a cost share program administered through CDF that is open to anyone in our area if your property meets certain criteria. The program is intended to provide funds for investment in private forestlands to protect and improve forest resources in California. Many practices can be funded through this program including brush removal and thinning for fire safety. The program allows CDF to reimburse a private property owner up to 75% of the cost of having their property cleared for fire safety. Of course there are some pros and cons to everything so I have summarized them below:

- Minimum of 20 acre parcel and 5 treated acres per project, but neighbors can join several parcels together into one project to make up 20 acres
- 10-year requirement for maintenance of funded work, otherwise you must pay back the funds used in the project
- Property owner must front the money to pay the contractor for the work and then wait for 6 – 8 weeks for reimbursement by CDF
- A registered forester manages the project and does all of the application and follow up paper work.....all you have to do is meet with the forester to design the project and sign on the dotted line.
- It takes nearly a year from initial meetings until the work is finished....this is not instantaneous, but well worth the effort.

If anyone is interested in participating in this program on their own property, the first step is to contact Patrick McDaniel, CDF forester at (530) 644-2345. He will make an appointment with you to come out to your property to see if you qualify. The next step would be to contact a registered forester to start the process. Patrick can give you a list of potential foresters to contact. Also, if you have further questions, you can also call Elizabeth Standeven to ask her about the program since she has just gone through the whole process and now has a cleared property! (530) 620-2141 or shakerridge@starband.net

Wolverine Grant

We are waiting to begin work any minute on the Shaded Fuel Break project along Wolverine Lane. We received a \$50,000 grant to create an approximate 250 foot wide shaded fuel break along this ridge top. We have had amazing support from all of the property owners along this road and we are all eager to see the work begin. This was intended to be the first of three phases of work on a larger ridge top shaded fuel break that would run from north to south approximately parallel to Hwy 49. If all 3 phases are completed it would help protect the Sand Ridge area from a catastrophic wildfire beginning along Hwy 49 or the Cosumnes River.

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