



Oak Hill Area
**FIRE SAFE
 COUNCIL**

Winter 2024



FIREWISE USA
 RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Hello Neighbors,

Winter events! We present two free workshops- Jan 17 and Feb 21- for residents (details next page), and a free green waste dumpster in Winter and in Spring for your use. And the cooler weather can be a great time for doing some defensible space work around your house. Limb up big trees, remove ladder fuels under trees, and thin dense plantings.



Free- Greenwaste Dumpster Days

Sat. Jan 20 9-4 (or till full)

Sat. May 11 9-4 (or till full)

Oak Hill Fire Station

1834 Pleasant Valley Rd.

Green waste only. No trash!

Yes: leaves/needles, manure, branches, rounds < 3'L by 18"D

No: stumps, root balls, dirt, sod, rocks, lumber

Keep rough track of your time/ money spent improving your defensible space - enter our prize drawing at the 3rd annual **Community Day** in **March** (exact date TBD)

This helps us keep our **Firewise** designation, which we must renew annually, and helps our community stay resilient.

Insurance Discount because we're a Firewise Community

Remember. everyone living in the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council ([map](#)) is eligible for an insurance discount with the Calif. FAIR Plan, and several other insurance companies. Obtain the current certificate [here](#) to give to your insurance agent.



OHAFFSC Winter Workshop #1- **Wildfire
Preparation 101**



Wed. Jan 17 6:30-7:30 PM (free)
Diamond Springs Firefighter's Memorial Hall
 501 Pleasant Valley Rd., Diamond Springs

~ Videos ~
 ~Home and yard how to's ~
 ~Insurance developments: discounts and requirements~

Your home CAN survive a wildfire!

What's currently found to be truly effective? What resources are out there for help? An overview for newcomers and old-time residents alike.

OHAFFSC Winter Workshop #2- **County's draft
Evacuation Preparation Plan**

Wed. Feb 21 6:30-7:30 PM (free)
Diamond Springs Firefighter's Memorial Hall
 501 Pleasant Valley Rd., Diamond Springs

The County Transportation Commission will present to us their draft “**Greater Placerville Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness Plan**” and explain how to provide feedback. Learn how they do their evacuation scenario modeling/ hear about recommended infrastructure improvements/ ask questions of Commission staff.

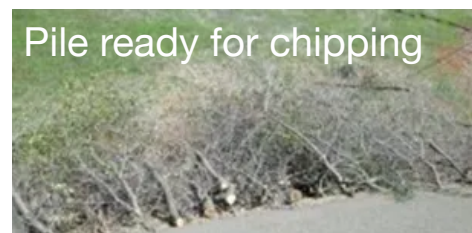
What do I do with all the slash after creating defensible space??

There are many **Free** options:



Make **small piles well separated from each other**, left to slowly decompose, enriching the soil and providing wildlife habitat. Up to 2 feet high and 10 feet across can work. Be sure such piles are at least 100 ft from structures.

Have the material **chipped onsite for free**, thru the County Fire Safe Council's grant-supported program. [Details and Sign up here.](#)



Bring it to the **free green waste dumpster** at Oak Hill Fire Station **Sat. Jan 20 and Sat. May 11** (see first page for details). Available 9-4, or till full, unlimited amt. per household.

Add 5 **combustible bags of plant material** next to your green waste bin, or, use your EDD coupon to dispose of 30 bags at once, if you call ahead (watch expiration dates). Large paper bags for this can be bought at hardware stores. [Details](#)



And of course, there's always burning, though the smoke can be bothersome to you or others. Get a [permit](#) and check if a [burn day](#).

Roadside and Hazardous Fuel Reduction grant work moving ahead!

A lot of the “behind the scenes” work has been getting done for the CALFIRE grant that was received by the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council and 5 other Councils. The Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Fire Safe Council representatives have been working very hard to complete delineation of where hazardous fuel reduction will be made, getting the environmental studies completed and getting “Right of Entry” agreements from land owners.

The RCD has now hired various contractors (such as the professional foresters, archaeological experts and others) and is in the process of hiring the company that will do the actual “on the ground” work. Hopefully we will start seeing some of the improvements along Oak Hill Rd, Big Oak Rd and Pleasant Valley Rd starting in Spring 2024.

It's not too late!

If you have property along these selected, main road segments and have been contacted in the past about providing a Right of Entry agreement but have delayed, please send yours in or contact Lester Lubetkin to discuss your ideas or concerns info@oakhillfiresafe.org



Boundary of project marked along upper Oak Hill Rd with pink and blue flagging

This project will make our roads more fire safe, and will improve evacuation and emergency access for our area

Continuing: Free Assessments (by trained volunteers):

You can get a thorough, free assessment on ways to improve wildfire resilience of your home, covering not only defensible space but also home hardening specific to your house and property, through the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council: [OHAFC website at Contact Us](#). The visit will include helpful documents to keep for reference.

Take advantage of the cool weather to keep improving your *defensible space* and *hardening your home*! Your home CAN survive a wildfire!

See you at the January 17 or February 21 Workshops, the January 20 Green Waste dumpster, or Community Day in March!



Sincerely,

The Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council Team

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