



## Access and Functional Needs deadline Extended!

### Access & Functional Needs Program

Due to the recent storms, we have made the decision to extend the application and review process for our Access and Functional Needs Program beyond the original February 28 deadline.

Low-income residents who are either 65+ or disabled are eligible for free defensible space clearing services within 100' of their homes. Applicants should be prepared to supply proof of residency, medical disability, and income. Income qualifications are based on HUD/HCD criteria.

Staff is available to help answer questions or assist with paperwork.

[For more information & Application Click Here](#)

Call us: (530) 446-1124



### Defensible Space Clearing

Access & Functional Needs Program

Low-income seniors, or individuals with disabilities, can receive *free defensible space clearing* services.



## Fire Safe Council Welcomes Jim Mathias!

Jim Mathias retired from CAL FIRE as Northern Division Chief of Operations on Nevada, Yuba,



Sutter & Sierra Counties in December. Beginning March 6, he brings his energy and insight to the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County as Wildfire Prevention & Safety Manager.

In his new role, Mathias will work closely with staff, residents, stakeholders, and contractors to make the most of current wildfire prevention programs and explore new opportunities for Nevada County! He will provide additional expert leadership to wildfire prevention programs such as defensible space inspection, home hardening, green waste programs and fuel reduction projects. Welcome, Jim!

## Prepare for FREE Green Waste Disposal Days this Spring

Fire Safe Council of Nevada County is busy planning Free Residential Green Waste Disposal Days 2023 in collaboration with the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services and CAL FIRE.

Location, dates, and times will be announced as weather and storm recovery allows.

[For more information Click here](#)



## Storm Cleanup

The storms have been a challenge for us all, and cleanup may seem daunting. The Fire Safe council has programs to help and is currently taking requests for the Chipping program, as well as the Defensible Space Clearing Service.

[Learn More About our Chipping Program here](#)

[For More Information about Defensible Space Clearing Service Click Here](#)

## A Special Thanks to our Crews!

A big shout out to our crews who have been braving the elements to give back to the community! Fire Safe Council Crews have been

busy assisting with storm recovery this week. There has been a lot of concern with snowpack on roofs, and snowed in driveways so we helped were we could. Crews have logged hundreds of hours this week with cleanup efforts!

We received this wonderful shout out via email from a community member, "Hi! I want to say thank you for the 9 individuals who shoveled my driveway this morning. I happened to be out there, trying to tackle the snow berm that the snow plow left behind. Along comes two trucks and one of the drivers asks if I need help. I was totally amazed to see this crew of one woman and 8 men. They seemed happy and they certainly made my day! I could not have tackled the task at hand to clear both my driveway and the walkway to my front door. I greatly appreciate their time and effort" Thank you all for the great work!





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