



Welcome 2024 and with it all the bright possibilities shining in the distance.

Chipping Update

The FSCNC Residential Chipping Program is caught up! We are encouraging the community to submit requests and continue to complete fuel reduction work throughout the winter month.

For a chipping request, [Click Here!](#)

The graphic features the Nevada County Fire Safe Council logo, the text "FREE CHIPPING" in large red letters, a photo of a green chipping machine, and logos for CAL FIRE and California Climate Investments. A red button at the bottom left says "Questions? Call us".



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Fire Wise Community Update

Hi Neighbors,
I do hope you had a chance to enjoy the Holidays!

Now back to business... If you were one of the folks wrestling with updating your Action Plan (especially if using a MAC), Thank You for your persistence! Seventy Firewise Communities did so, and another Twenty-seven Risk Assessments were updated. This was the busiest year ever for our program. Plus, everyone is doing a better job at submitting their hours and dollars invested – which means more than \$10M was

accomplished and reported OVER 2022. Once the numbers are final, I'll share the fantastic efforts with you!

This Spring, I expect to pass along intel on changes to the method of gathering the annual data, and how the Risk Assessment will be handled into the future per NFPA. Please check the due dates on your portal's Dashboard for your Action Plan and Risk Assessment as I see Twenty-five Action Plans and Thirty-eight Risk Assessments will need to be updated before the deadline this year (historically the Friday before Thanksgiving). Let's not wait until the deadline please, these documents can be completed long before summer is over.

For those seeking to become a Firewise USA® community, there is a backlog of 37 applications, and of those 12 are moving forward first by completing the initial steps. Check-out the program at:

<https://www.areyoufiresafe.com/programs/firewise-usa>

Aloha,
Pat Leach
Firewise Coordinator
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Defensible Space Clearing Service UPDATE!

DSCS wait time were delayed due to seasonal maintenance and repairs. This month, January we will be refocusing efforts on the program.

Yuba Net's – Getting Ready for Peak Fire Season

In 2022 Yuba Net created a 12 Part Series titled “Getting ready for peak fire season – a 12-week program.” On the January 18, 2024 edition of our Insight Radio Show we will host Yuba Net's Pascale Fusshoeller who will brief us on the series. We'll address vegetation management on private properties, how to harden your home, what you need to do now to be ready if/when evacuations are being called for your area, how-to guides for communication plans, evacuation plans, how Nevada County Schools prepare for wildfire and more. Listen live on KNCO Newstalk 830 AM Thursday Morning, January 18 from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition Meeting



The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County will be hosting our monthly meeting of the Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition (ERFC) on Wednesday January 17th at 6:00PM. The location will be the Truckee Town Hall Council Chambers - 10183 Truckee Airport Rd, Truckee, CA 96161. A Zoom option for attending remotely will be available (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83020926667?pwd=am1rdnIDV3RWR0RHbG9yR2JhdjZnZz09>)

Meeting ID: 830 2092 6667

Passcode: 823937) This group is a part of the County Wide Coalition of Firewise Communities that began on the western end of Nevada County and will share reports from CAL FIRE, USFS, Truckee Fire, and Nevada County OES. We will focus on education and programs available to residents on the eastern side of the Sierras in Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties. Please join us for more information, all residents interested in learning more about wild land fire safety are welcome.

Nevada County Coalition of Firewise Communities Meeting



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Firewise Community leaders: mark your calendar and register now for the first 2024 meeting of the Coalition of Firewise Communities.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm,

Firewise Community (FWC) leaders and committee members will hear updates from the Coalition's

partner agencies (OES, CAL FIRE, Fire Safe Council and more) and then join the discussion on how the Coalition can help FWC leaders solve problems, create more engagement from your residents, and more. Now that we are out of the pandemic (more or less), the all-volunteer Coalition is re-focusing on its core mission of providing support to Firewise leaders and committee members through collaboration and information-sharing.

Feb. 6, 5:30 pm, Esterly Hall, NC Association of Realtors, 336 Crown Point Circle, GV 95945

REGISTER NOW:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctceyhrzgpGtUm-6NBBQPnezOU1Wvfb4Go>

Join the Nevada County RCD for a Prescribed Burn Workshop!

Join us during a 2-day course for an Introduction and overview of prescribed fire basics.

Including : Introduction to prescribed fire for residents and private landowners. Learn about what prescribed burning is and the role of fire historically vs now in shaping our forest and landscape vegetation and wildland fire. Gain knowledge of the use of prescribed fire as a tool to benefit fire safety, native plants and animal habitat, and forest health. Learn about the basics of planning and conducting a prescribed burn safely and responsibly, including permitting and smoke management. Display of native plants adaptations to fire. This workshop is paired with opportunities to participate in demonstration burns as weather and burning conditions allow.

Lead by Joaquin Pastrana, Nevada County RCD Prescribed Fire Program Manager and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman, certified California Burn Boss, retired US Forest Service wildland and prescribed fire scientist and practitioner



DAY 1:

- **Date:** Saturday, January 13th
- **Time:** 9 AM – 2 PM / 5 hour Classroom Course
- **Location:** The fire Safe Council of Nevada County
143 B Spring Hill Dr. Grass Valley, CA 95945

[Register HERE!](#)

[Prescribed Burning - Nevada County Resource Conservation District \(ncrcd.org\)](https://www.ncrcd.org)

Conduct a Burn Workshop:

Join us for a 4-hour workshop discussing the steps to take in order to successfully conduct a Prescribed Burn.

Including: Visiting a prepped burn unit to discuss the steps taken before burning including setting up water, getting the help you need, gathering permits, setting up logistics for volunteers and notifying neighbors. As well as discussing what is necessary during a burn such as giving an adequate briefing, test burn, the different roles people play on a Prescribed Burn, smoke management, and the firing process. We will also discuss the steps taken after a Prescribed Burn is complete including mop-up, monitoring, evaluation, and maintenance.

DAY 1:

- **Date:** Saturday, January 27th
- **Time:** : 4-hour classroom course
- **Location:** You Bet Area Address will be sent to those who register.

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DAY 1:

- **Date:** Saturday, February 3rd
- **Time:** : 5-hour classroom course
- **Location:** San Juan Ridge- Address will be sent to those who register.

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