

May Cleanup: Time to Create Defensible Space

CREATE UNITY FIRE-ADAPT YOUR COMMUNITY!

May is cleanup month AND a great time to create or improve your home's wildfire defensible space.

The term defensible space refers to the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been managed to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to safely defend the home. In the event that firefighters are not available, defensible space can also greatly improve the likelihood of a home surviving without assistance.

Use May cleanup month as an opportunity to remove dead and dying trees, dead native and ornamental shrubs, dead branches, leaves, needles, twigs, grass, weeds and flowers, and other flammable debris within the defensible space zone.

5 Steps to Effective Defensible Space

Step 1: Know Your Distance

The size of defensible space is usually expressed as distance extending outward from the house in all directions.

Step 2: Remove The Dead

Within the recommended defensible space zones remove: dead & dying trees, dead native & ornamental shrubs, dead branches, dead leaves, needles and twigs, dried grass, weeds and flowers.

Step 3: Create Separation

Thin dense tree and shrub stands to create more space between them.

Step 4: No Ladder Fuels

Vegetation that can carry a fire from low-growing plants to taller plants is called a ladder fuel.

Step 5: Make it, Lean, Clean, & Green

Remove most or all flammable plants, including big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush, cheatgrass, pinyon juniper, and weeds. Select less flammable plants and materials (e.g. gravel) for the home landscape. Keep plants well watered!



clean-UP Project!!



This year the Crescent Valley/Beowawe Firewise Committee has once again decided to host a clean-up project to help an elderly individual create/clean their defensible space. The project will be on May 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome and following the clean-up project please join us at the 7th Annual Wildfire Awareness Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Crescent Valley Fairgrounds. If you're interested on being a volunteer or would like more information on the project please contact Jessica Santoyo at (775) 237-6010.

For more information: www.livingwithfire.info or <http://co.eureka.nv.us/natres/firewise/index.html>

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FIREWISE COMMUNITY & WILDFIRE AWARENESS DAY CRESCENT VALLEY

May 7, 2016 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. At the Crescent Valley Fairgrounds

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR
TIPS/IDEAS ON:

- ⇒ DEFENSIBLE SPACE
- ⇒ BEING EMBER AWARE
- ⇒ LANDSCAPING
- ⇒ FREE HOME ASSESSMENTS
- ⇒ CLEAN-UP PROJECTS

FREE!!!

SEE SMOKEY BEAR!



FREE FIRE RESISTANT
PLANTS!



FREE!!!

FREE BBQ!!!



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KIDS & ADULTS!!

FREE KIDS ACTIVITES &
BIKE RAFFLE!!



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