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February Newsletter

A new year, a brand new look!

We're thrilled to present our revamped Fire Safe Newsletter. This new design aims to keep you abreast of crucial fire safety tips, community success stories, and insightful information on wildfire preparedness and prevention. We're excited provide you with upcoming events, expert advice, and innovative strategies to safeguard your home and community. We're deeply grateful for your continued support and invite you to join us in making 2024 a year of heightened fire preparedness and safety.



Meet Your Fire Council

Who are we and what do we do?

Check out our new Intro Video:

<https://youtu.be/3jhoUorM1pQ>



Get Ready: Financial Wellness

Financial wellness includes disaster planning. Managing and safeguarding financial records during a natural disaster is crucial for swift recovery. Store physical copies of essential financial documents, such as insurance policies, deeds, wills, bank statements, and tax records, in a waterproof and fireproof container. Consider storing digital copies of these documents in a secure, password-protected cloud storage service or on an external hard drive, ensuring regular backups. Organize these records in a readily accessible location and communicate the storage plan with trusted family members or contacts outside the affected area. In the event of a disaster, these measures can facilitate the recovery process and expedite insurance claims or financial assistance applications.

Financial Items for your Evacuation Bag:

*ID cards/driver's licenses

*Passports

- *Cash — at least a few hundred dollars
 - *Checkbook
 - *Credit card (check the expiration date)
 - *Small physical valuables from your home (wedding rings, gold bullion, etc.)
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Play Defense: Ditch the Bark



While bark and wood chips may add aesthetic appeal, they pose a significant fire risk. Landscape bark can be highly flammable, especially during dry conditions. Embers from wildfires can easily ignite this organic material, creating an additional hazard near your home. Plans to keep bark wet are not possible if you've been evacuated.

Choose gravel, rock, and decomposed granite for a fire safe ground cover.



Firewise USA Fact

Firewise sites need to have a minimum of 8 individual single family dwelling units and are limited to a maximum of 2,500. Multiple sites can be located within a single large master-planned community/HOA.

Want to learn more about becoming a Firewise neighborhood?

Click here: [What Is Firewise?](#)

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