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## Goodbye 2024, Hello 2025!

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### Happy Holidays!

As the holiday season approaches, all of us at the Shasta County Fire Safe Council extend our warmest wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season.

While we celebrate, we're also reminded of the importance of preparedness and community spirit. This season is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the resilience we've built together in the face of wildfire challenges and to look ahead to strengthening our neighborhoods even more in the coming year.

Thank you for being part of our Fire Safe Shasta family and for your dedication to

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## Save the Date!

Our next Public Outreach and Firewise Meeting will now take place on **January 30th, 2025**, at KIXE Studios in Redding. The presentation will also be livestreamed on KIXE's Facebook and YouTube channels for those who can't attend in person. Stay tuned—an agenda will be sent out in January 2025.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As part of the presentation and livestream, we will be building a Firewise Communities landing page on the website. This page is designed to gain participation in existing, pending, and future Firewise Communities. If you are looking for volunteers or participation in your community, please send your contact name and their contact information (email, phone, etc.) to [social@shastafiresafe.org](mailto:social@shastafiresafe.org)

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## Are you signed up for free chipping?

## DATES.

Enroll By:	Shasta County Regions:
Jan. 1	Anderson, Cottonwood, Igo, Platina
Feb. 1	Redding, Old Shasta, French Gulch, Whiskeytown
Mar. 1	Shasta Lake, Lakehead, Castella
Apr. 1	Montgomery Creek, Big Bend, Round Mountain
May 1	Bella Vista, Oak Run, Palo Cedro, Millville
June 1	Shingletown, Whitmore, Manton
Oct. 1	Burney, Fall River Mills, McArthur, Cassel, Hat Creek, Old Station

visit [chipperday.com/shastafs](https://chipperday.com/shastafs)  
or email [chipper@shastafiresafe.org](mailto:chipper@shastafiresafe.org)  
or call (530) 360-0120

Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Programs as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

The **deadline** to register for the free Chipper Program in **Anderson, Cottonwood, Igo, and Platina** is quickly approaching—reserve your spot before **January 1, 2025!** If you've already signed up, you should have received an email with event details. Didn't see it? Check your spam or junk folder. If you still can't find it, please re-register to ensure your spot.

For more information please visit <https://www.chipperday.com/shastafs>

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## Shasta County Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Protection plans are based on the needs of the residents in the community and address issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, and community preparedness. There's still time to share your thoughts on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan! You can contribute by completing the survey or adding data points to the community data survey map. Both are available here:

<https://cwpp-wsrcd.hub.arcgis.com/>

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SCFSC began work on a shaded fuel break along Bullskin Ridge, located between Phillips Road and Bullskin Road near the community of Oak Run in Shasta County. A 600-foot wide shaded fuel break is being constructed on the ridge top and will include approximately 290 acres of forest land. The purpose of this project is to create a fuel break that would improve fire safety for the community of Oak Run and beyond, as well as protect mature timberlands and the Oak Run Creek Watershed, which provide vital ecosystem services and are home to countless species of wildlife as well as some of the largest, oldest ponderosa pine trees in Shasta County. Learn more from the [article at KRCR](#).

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## Policies and Legislation



## Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act

The **Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act** allows individuals to exclude certain payments from their taxable income if they were received as compensation for expenses or losses caused by a federally declared wildfire disaster after 2014. This means settlement money for wildfire damages is not considered taxable. Additionally, if you've already paid taxes on such compensation, you may qualify for a refund. Contact a tax professional for more details and assistance.

[https://www.actionnewsnow.com/news/federal-disaster-tax-relief-act-signed-into-law/article\\_ca4eaa4c-b918-11ef-a58d-ebfafa50a192.html](https://www.actionnewsnow.com/news/federal-disaster-tax-relief-act-signed-into-law/article_ca4eaa4c-b918-11ef-a58d-ebfafa50a192.html)

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## Homeowners Insurance

The Department of Insurance is adopting and amending regulations regarding rate application and variance request requirements for insurers, which are part of the regulations implementing Proposition 103. Specifically, these regulations will, amongst other things,

1. permit insurers to use forward-looking catastrophe models in their rate calculations.

Read more: <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2024/release062-2024.cfm>

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## New Cal Fire Programs

Cal Fire launched its [Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting](#) interactive map, which reviews how fuel reduction activities impact fire behavior. Local fires from summer 2024 that were influenced by previous fuel treatments include the Highway and Hay fires along Hwy 44 and the Clear Fire on Clear Creek.

**SB 504** provides additional time for existing homes to comply with Zone 0 regulations once they are adopted and allows them to come into compliance over a longer period of time. It also makes important changes to facilitate the adoption of zone 0, including clarification that defensible space is not just for average weather conditions, but all for windy days when wildfires often happen.

**SB 675** requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Department of Conservation to consider and incorporate prescribed grazing in local assistance grant programs.

SB 504: [https://digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org/bills/ca\\_202320240sb504?slug=CA\\_202320240SB504](https://digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org/bills/ca_202320240sb504?slug=CA_202320240SB504)

SB 675: [https://digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org/bills/ca\\_202320240sb675?slug=CA\\_202320240SB675](https://digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org/bills/ca_202320240sb675?slug=CA_202320240SB675)

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