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## It's Prep Time!

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Spring is in full swing, and so is the new growth around our homes and wildlands. That fresh greenery may look pretty now, but it can quickly dry out and become fuel for wildfires as temperatures rise. This May, we're encouraging everyone to take simple steps that make a big difference—like trimming back tall grass, removing ladder fuels, and making sure your property is ready for fire season.

opportunity to team up with neighbors, clean up around homes and roadsides, and take action to reduce fire risk in your community.

Planning a Memorial Day camping or RV trip? It's the perfect time to check your vehicle, secure tow chains, and make sure you're not dragging anything that could spark a roadside fire. With a little prep, we can all enjoy the outdoors safely while helping protect the places we love.

Let's start the season strong and stay fire-safe together!

Need some ideas for Prep Day? Check out our Ember-Go bingo card.

 <b>EMBER GO</b>				
Clean Gutters	Sign Up For AlertShasta	Prune Trees 10ft Away from Buildings	Make A Maintenance Schedule	Clean House Vents
Add 1/8" Mesh to Vents	Clean Under Deck	Clear 5 Feet Around Home	Help A Neighbor	Move Garbage Cans 5ft from Buildings
Enclose Under Decks	Move Firewood 30ft from Buildings	Watch A CAL FIRE Video	Back Up Documents	Clear Dead Weeds
Remove Fire-Hazard Plants	Repair Damaged Siding	Add Reflective Address Sign	Clear Brush Under Trees	Clean Roof
Make Go Bags	Map Evacuation Routes	Write Down Your Evacuation Zone	Repair Damaged Roof Tiles	Replace Wood Fence 5ft Around Buildings

### Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is May 3, 2025

#### 🔥 How to Play EmberGO 🔥

Print out your EmberGO card with wildfire safety actions.

As you complete each task, mark off that square.

When you've marked any 5 squares, take a photo and email it to [scfsc.social@gmail.com](mailto:scfsc.social@gmail.com)

Celebrate your fire-smart progress and challenge a neighbor to play too!

For Home Hardening and Defensible Space Information, visit [ShastaFireSafe.Org](https://ShastaFireSafe.Org)

Get your Ember-Go card here: <https://shastafiresafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/EmberGo.pdf>

## Save the Dates!

**May 10, 2025** - [Shingletown Slash](#)

**June 1, 2025** - DEADLINE for Shingletown, Whitmore, Manton for [On-Site Chipping](#)

**June 18-22, 2025**.- Shasta District Fair - Stop by our booth!

Want to keep up-to-date with all our events? [Subscribe to our Calendar](#)

If you'd like to share the Chipper flyer, it can be downloaded here: [Chipper Day Flyer](#)

If you'd like to share the Slash flyer, you can find it here: [Shingletown Slash Flyer](#)

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## April Public Outreach Meeting



The flyer is a rectangular graphic with a light gray background. On the left, the Shasta County FireSafe Council logo is at the top, followed by the text 'Disaster Planning' in a large serif font, 'Presentation' in a smaller sans-serif font inside an orange box, and '9:00 A.M.' below it. In the center is a photograph of a woman in a plaid shirt and jeans sitting on a couch, surrounded by bags and boxes, looking at a document. To the right of the photo, the date 'April 30 2025' is written in a large green font. Below the date, the location is listed: 'Location: KIXE Studios, 603 N Market St, Redding, CA 96003' in white text on an orange background. Below the photo, the word 'SPEAKERS:' is in white on a dark gray background, followed by the names 'Rob Sandbloom, Shasta County OES', 'Gene Randall, Undersheriff', and 'Travis McIvor, Far Northern Regional Center' in a sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the website 'www.shastafiresfe.org' is in white on a dark gray background.

**Disaster Planning**  
**Presentation**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**April 30  
2025**

**Location:**  
KIXE Studios  
603 N Market St  
Redding, CA 96003

**SPEAKERS:**  
Rob Sandbloom, Shasta County OES  
Gene Randall, Undersheriff  
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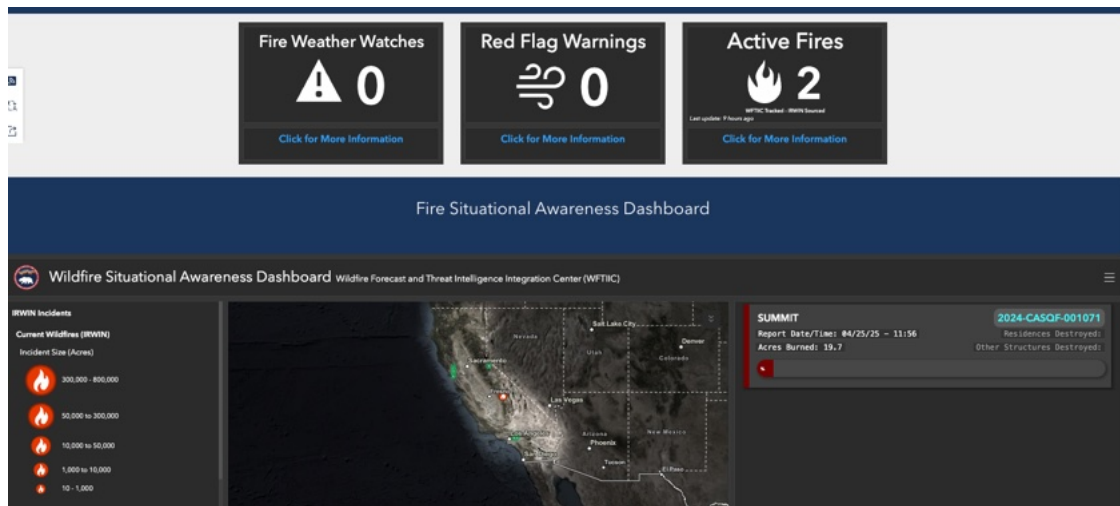
[www.shastafiresfe.org](http://www.shastafiresfe.org)

### April 30th Public Outreach and Firewise Meeting

Did you miss our recent public outreach meeting? No worries — you can catch the full recording on YouTube! Stay informed and hear the latest updates by watching here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYsSomgxOHw>

Our next public meeting will be on July 30th, so mark your calendars!

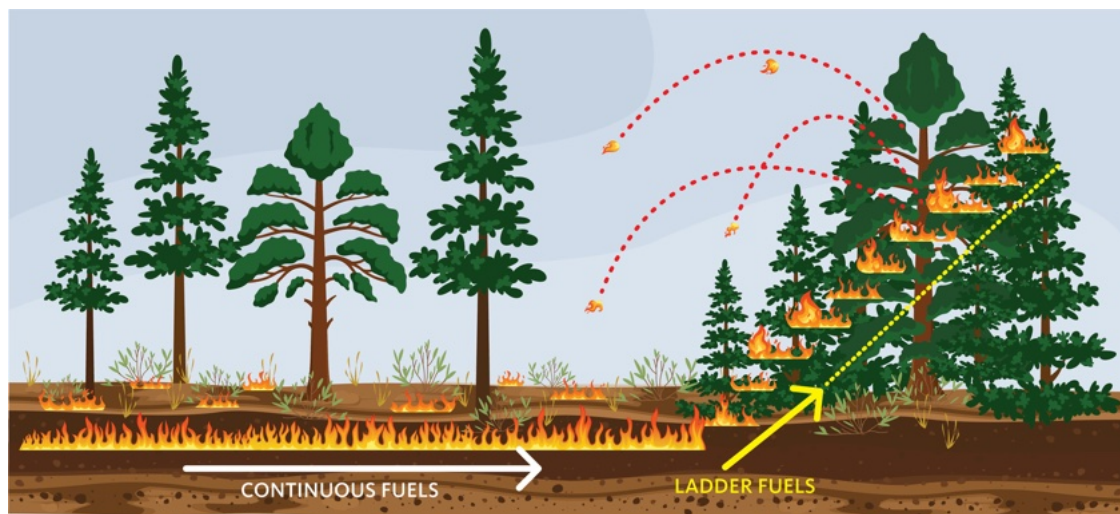
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The Wildfire Forecast & Threat Intelligence Integration Center (WFTIIC) is California's main center for wildfire forecasting and information sharing. It pulls together weather updates, wildfire threat reports, and other key data to help everyone stay informed and prepared. Find Fire Weather Watches and Warnings, Active Wildfires, and Prescribed Burns all in one place.

Visit and Bookmark Here: <https://hub.wftiic.ca.gov/>

## What are Ladder Fuels?



into trees or structures — like rungs on a ladder. This vertical spread greatly increases the intensity and danger of wildfires, especially near homes. It typically starts with dry grass or mulch, which can ignite low shrubs, then move to tree branches or the eaves of buildings.

To reduce this risk, maintain a “fuel break” within the first 5 feet of your home (known as *Zone 0*). Remove dead leaves, pine needles, plants, and anything that can catch an ember. Replace wood mulch with gravel or stone, prune tree branches at least 6–10 feet off the ground, and space shrubs so flames can't leap from one to the next.

By breaking the ladder, you give your home a better chance to withstand wildfire.

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## Living In The Wildland Urban Interface

Want to understand why wildfire risk maps are changing, insurance costs are climbing, and what you can actually do to protect your home? The latest *Hotshot Wake Up* podcast features Michael Wara — former California Wildfire Commissioner and member of the California Catastrophe Council — in a clear and insightful discussion on these critical topics. It's a great resource for anyone concerned about wildfire resilience. Listen here:

<https://thehotshotwakeup.substack.com/p/living-in-the-wildland-urban-interface>



especially during fire season. These permits may have specific conditions, such as time of day, weather, and what materials can be burned. Always check with [Shasta Burn Day](#) to see if burning is allowed in your area. Burning without a permit or during restricted times can result in fines and increased wildfire risk.

[Shasta County Burn Permit](#) link

[Redding City Burn Permit](#) link

[City of Shasta Lake Burn Permit](#) pdf

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## Proposed Legislation



## State Legislation

[AB 888](#) California leaders have introduced the California Safe Homes Act (AB 888), a new bill aimed at addressing wildfire risk and homeowners insurance challenges

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(Zone 0), and community-scale risk reduction strategies.

The bill is based on input from state agencies, local communities, and insurance stakeholders. Supporters say it will help homeowners afford risk-reduction improvements that can increase insurability. AB 888 recently passed the Assembly Insurance Committee with bipartisan support and will next be considered by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The full press release from California Insurance Commissioner Lara can be found here: <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2025/release036-2025.cfm>

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**[AB 1236](#)** Acting to protect communities from increasing climate disaster. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is sponsoring Assembly Bill 1236 to fund local pilot projects that create new insurance options and strengthen disaster resilience — especially for low- and moderate-income areas. The bill supports innovative approaches like community-based insurance and nature-based solutions. AB 1236 recently passed the Assembly Insurance Committee and is moving forward.

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