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Fall Fires: Don't Let Your Guard Down



Cooler Weather Is Here, But Fire Dangers Remain

As fall settles in, it's easy to think fire season is behind us—but it's not. Windy and dry conditions can quickly turn embers into disasters. Shasta County Fire Safe Council reminds you that staying prepared is just as important now as it was in the peak of summer.

Here's what you can do to reduce your risk:

- **Trim Vegetation:** Keep trees and shrubs well-maintained and away from structures.
- **Check Your Defensible Space:** Ensure there's at least 100 feet of clearance around your property.
- **Be Ember-Aware:** Cover vents with fine mesh and seal gaps where embers could enter your home.
- **Stay Informed:** Monitor local fire weather conditions and have an evacuation plan ready.

Even as temperatures drop, the combination of dry vegetation and strong winds can create dangerous fire conditions. Don't let your guard down—small steps now can make a big difference in protecting your home and community.

It's always a good time to **stay alert, prepare your home, and know your evacuation zone.**

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates



Here's What's Happening at SCFSC

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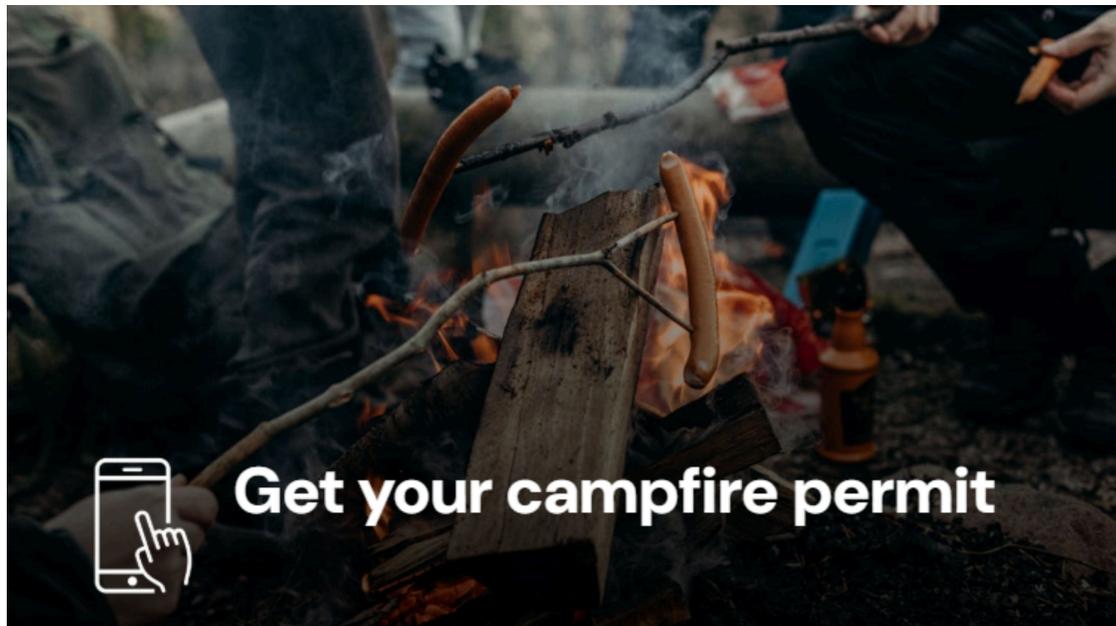
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- **October 11, 2025:** [Shingletown Slash](#) — [Shareable Flyer](#)
- **October 31, 2025: Firewise / Public Education Meeting**
 - Join us for an engaging morning of updates, insights, and strategies to enhance wildfire preparedness in our community. From Shasta County Fire Safe Council accomplishments to Firewise leader discussions, this meeting is packed with valuable information to help you stay informed and proactive. Doors open at 8:30 AM—come early for coffee and informal networking!

(Location: KIXE PBS, 603 N Market St, Redding, CA 96003, USA)

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Cool Nights, Campfires, and Safety First



Do You Need a Campfire Permit?

There's nothing quite like gathering around a campfire on a crisp fall evening, roasting marshmallows, and making memories with loved ones. But before you strike that match, CAL FIRE reminds you to check if you need a campfire permit. Permits help ensure you're following fire safety rules and reducing the risk of wildfires.

see if a permit is required and learn how to enjoy your campfire safely and responsibly.

Fire Safe Task of the Month



Clear Dead Leaves and Yard Debris

Dry leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris are highly flammable and can act as fuel for wildfires, especially during windy fall conditions. Taking a few simple steps now can significantly reduce your risk and help protect your home and community.

Steps To Follow:

1. **Rake up leaves and pine needles:** Regularly clear your yard, especially near structures, to prevent debris from piling up.
2. **Clear debris from under decks and porches:** These hidden areas are prime spots for embers to ignite during a wildfire.
3. **Dispose of yard waste properly:** Use green waste bins, composting, or local disposal services to safely get rid of flammable materials.

By staying proactive, you're not just tidying up—you're creating a safer environment for your family and neighbors.

NFPA Fire Prevention Week: October 5-11

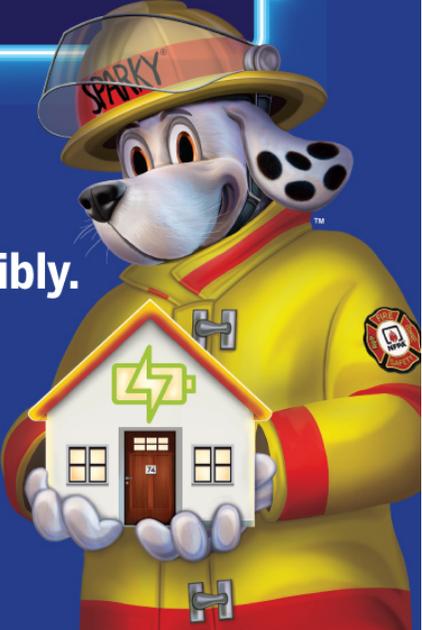
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Charge Into Fire Safety: 3 Steps

1. **Buy only listed products.** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
2. **Charge devices safely.** Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

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battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Learn more about how to “Charge Into Fire Safe” at NFPA.org!

State and Local News



Fire Updates & Prevention News: What You Need To Know

Here's what's happening in California and Shasta County regarding fire prevention, wildfire management, and insurance updates:

California Joins Northwest Wildland Fire Fighting Compact

As of September 5, 2025, California and Nevada have joined the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement. This partnership strengthens regional collaboration and resources for wildfire management.

[Learn more](#)

New Proposal for Fire-Proofed Homes and Insurance

A recent proposal aims to ensure Californians can access insurance coverage if they take steps to fire-proof their homes. This could be a game-changer for homeowners in

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Shasta County's Defensible Space Rules

Shasta County is stepping up efforts to enforce defensible space rules to protect homes during wildfire season. These measures could also impact homeowners' insurance options.

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