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April Is Earth Month: Here's How To Celebrate in Shasta County



Ways To Care for the Earth This Month (and beyond!)

environment while enhancing wildfire safety. By taking steps to prepare for wildfires, we're not only protecting our homes and communities but also contributing to a healthier, more resilient environment.

Here's what you can do:

- **Care for the Land:** Maintaining defensible space around your home — clearing flammable materials, trimming vegetation, and removing dead plants — helps reduce wildfire risks while promoting healthier ecosystems. Think of it as giving nature a fresh start.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** When clearing debris, consider composting green waste or burning materials like wood and branches. This reduces landfill waste and supports sustainable practices.
- **Plant Wisely:** Choose fire-resistant plants and native species for your landscaping. These not only enhance your property's wildfire resilience but also support local wildlife and conserve water.
- **Conserve Resources:** Wildfires can strain water supplies and air quality. By preparing your property and reducing fire risks, you're helping to protect these vital resources for the entire community.
- **Involve the Family:** Earth Month is a great time to engage kids in wildfire preparedness. Teach them how caring for the environment — like planting trees or cleaning up outdoor spaces — can also help prevent wildfires. Make it fun and interactive to inspire lifelong habits.

By aligning wildfire safety with Earth Month's mission, we can protect both our homes and the planet. Small actions today can make a big difference for future generations.

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

SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY COORDINATOR PROGRAM



YOUR SIGNATURE MATTERS.

Please sign the SB 973 Support Letter

Many of you know our incredible County Coordinator, Amanda, and the amazing work she does to support wildfire resilience here in Shasta County through the Wildfire County Coordinator Program.

Now, we need your help to keep this program strong!

SB 973 will formalize and expand the Wildfire County Coordinator Program, ensuring it continues to provide the resources and coordination we need to protect our homes, landscapes, and way of life.

Please take a moment to [sign the SB 973 Support Letter](#) and show your support for this vital program.

Together, we can make a difference in building a safer, more resilient Shasta County.

SIGN THE SUPPORT LETTER

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

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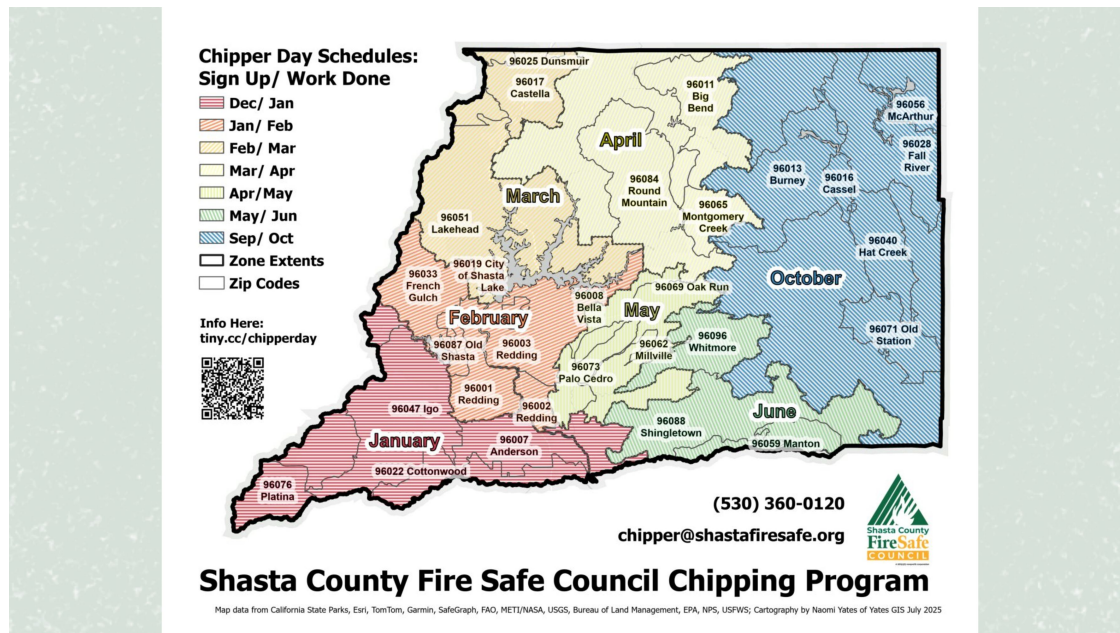
Here's What's Happening at SCFSC

- **April 11th and 12th — Redding Sportsman's Expo**
 - Join us at the Redding Sportsman's Expo on April 11-12, 2026, at the Redding Civic Auditorium! Stop by the Shasta County Fire Safe Council booth to say hi and learn how we're working to keep our community safe.
 - **Location & Time**
 - Redding Civic Auditorium, Redding CA
 - Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- **April 29th — Shasta County Fire Safe Council's "Ready For Wildfire" Resource Fair**
 - Attend this **FREE** event for expert advice, resources, and demos to help you protect your home, create fire-safe landscaping, and prepare for wildfires. You'll be entered into our **FIRE SAFE GIVEAWAY** and get an extra ticket for every person you bring with you!
 - **Location & Time**
 - KIXE 603 N Market St, Redding, CA 96003
 - Open from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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The Chipping Corner



Defensible Space Chipping Program Activities

Happening Now: Montgomery Creek, Big Bend, Round Mountain — if you missed the April 1st deadline, **please call our office at 530-360-0120**. We can manually enroll you and will coordinate with our contractor to determine if it can fit into their schedule.

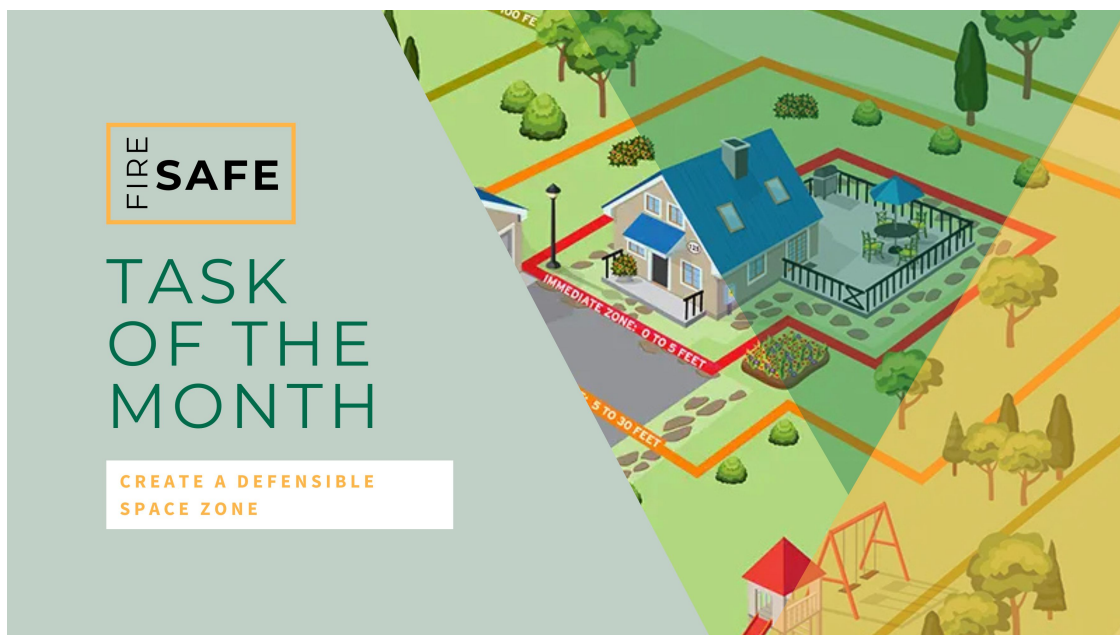
Next Up: Bella Vista, Oak Run, Palo Cedro, Millville — [sign up today](#) for chipping services starting May 1st.

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP HERE

The Shasta County Fire Safe Council's chipping program is more than just a convenient way to clear vegetation. It's a step toward a safer, more fire-resilient community — get involved today!



Fire Safe Task of the Month



Create a Defensible Space Zone

Creating a defensible space around your property is a vital step in preparing for wildfire season. Here's how you can make an impact.

Steps To Follow:

- **Clear Flammable Materials:** Remove any flammable items, such as dry leaves, firewood, or debris, within 5 feet of your home. This reduces the risk of flames reaching your house.
- **Maintain a 30-Foot Zone:** Keep plants well-spaced, healthy, and free of dead vegetation within 30 feet of your home. This helps slow the spread of fire and creates a buffer zone.

feet from your home. This minimizes the chance of fire spreading rapidly.

By creating a defensible space, you're not only protecting your property but also contributing to the safety of your community.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FIRE PREPAREDNESS

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:

Shasta County Sees More Communities Earn Firewise Recognition

Shasta County continues to make strides in wildfire safety as more communities achieve Firewise recognition. This program highlights proactive efforts in reducing wildfire risks and enhancing community resilience.

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campaign. This initiative aims to educate Californians on sustainable forest management and wildfire prevention strategies.

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State-Mandated 'Zone Zero' Requirements Set to Go into Effect

New state-mandated "Zone Zero" requirements are set to take effect, focusing on a 5-foot ember-resistant zone around homes to enhance wildfire resilience. This regulation emphasizes the importance of defensible space in protecting properties.

[Get the details here](#)

You Can Make an Impact



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The Shasta County Fire Safe Council is on a mission to reduce wildfire risks and promote fire safety across our community. From free chipping programs to wildfire protection plans, we're empowering residents with the tools and resources they need to safeguard their homes and neighborhoods.

If you believe in creating a safer, more resilient Shasta County, **we need your support**. Your donation helps us continue these vital programs and expand our impact. Together, we can make a difference. Partner with us today!

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