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How To Have Safe Summer Celebrations



The Best Summer Celebrations Are Fire Safe

Summer celebrations are a time to gather with family, friends, and neighbors, but in Shasta County, they also come with added fire risk. Hot, dry conditions mean that

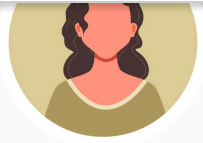
Top Tips for Firework & Summer Celebration Safety:

- **Skip Personal Fireworks:** The safest choice is to attend a public fireworks show as personal fireworks are illegal in Shasta County.
- **Know Local Rules:** Restrictions can change, so check current local regulations and fire conditions before celebrating.
- **Keep Water Nearby:** If you're grilling, camping, or using any outdoor flame, keep a hose, bucket of water, or shovel nearby.
- **Clear the Area:** Remove dry grass, leaves, and other flammable materials from outdoor gathering spaces.
- **Celebrate Responsibly:** Keep children and pets away from flames and heat sources, and never leave any outdoor flame unattended.

By making safe choices during outdoor summer celebrations, we can all help reduce the risk of wildfire in Shasta County. Every precaution helps protect our homes, open spaces, and communities during the busiest fire season months.

It's always a good time to [stay alert](#), [prepare your home](#), and know your [evacuation zone](#).

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“The Crown Meadow/Crown Estates Firewise site would not be here without your help. Thank you so much for your tedious efforts to get us across the finish line.”



Joan, Firewise Leader

Have You Participated in a Shasta County Fire Safe Council Program?

We'd love to hear from you! Whether you've been involved for years or just tried something for the first time, your experience matters — and sharing it can help others in our community take that next step toward wildfire preparedness.

Tell us about your experience with:

- Firewise community efforts
- Our free Chipping Program
- An education or outreach event
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) process
- Other wildfire preparedness resources or community programs

A few sentences about what you experienced, what you learned, or how a program helped you goes a long way. Your story can help a neighbor feel more confident about getting started with wildfire preparedness.

Send us a short testimonial at Social@ShastaFireSafe.org — we're grateful for every submission.

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Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

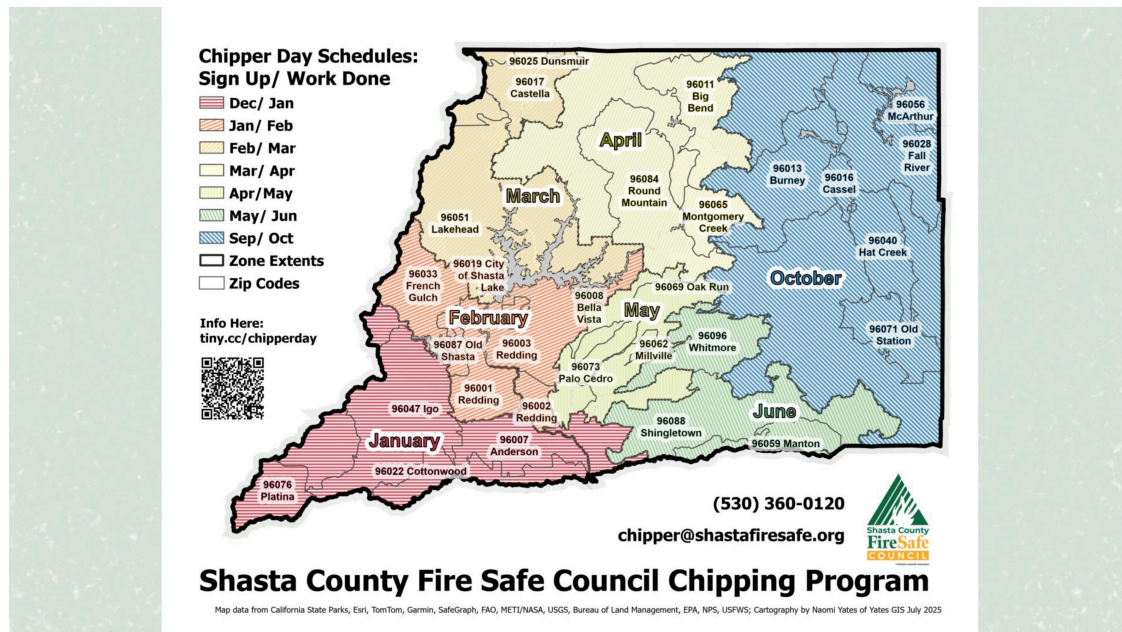


Here's What's Happening at SCFSC

- **Wednesday, July 29: Public Outreach & Firewise Leaders 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

Want to keep up-to-date with all our events?

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR



Defensible Space Chipping Program Activities

Our chipping program is paused from July-September. You can still **click below to sign-up** or **call our office at 530-360-0120** if you have any questions!

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



Check and Clear Vents

Embers can enter your home through vents, making them an important place to inspect during wildfire season. A few simple maintenance steps can help reduce risk.

Steps To Follow:

- **Inspect Your Vents:** Check attic, soffit, and foundation vents for any damage, gaps, or loose materials.
- **Install Metal Mesh Screens:** Use 1/8-inch metal mesh screens to help block embers from entering your home.
- **Clear Away Debris:** Remove leaves, dust, cobwebs, and other debris around vents to maintain airflow and reduce fire risk.
- **Check for Ongoing Maintenance Needs:** Make vent inspections part of your regular seasonal home maintenance routine.

By checking and clearing your vents, you're taking an important step toward protecting your home from wind-blown embers. Small maintenance tasks like these can make a big difference in helping your household stay safer during wildfire season.

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 and CAL FIRE Launch “Stay Ready, Shasta” Campaign

Shasta County Fire Department and CAL FIRE launched the Stay Ready, Shasta campaign to help residents prepare for wildfire season. The campaign shares practical steps people can take to reduce fire risk around their homes and communities, including defensible space guidance, preparedness reminders, and information about assistance programs for qualifying property owners.

[Read more here](#)

California Fast-Tracks 400 Wildfire Prevention Projects

On June 5, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California had fast-tracked more than 400 wildfire prevention projects across nearly 100,000 acres. The update also highlighted expanded prescribed and cultural burning efforts and released a draft five-year action plan for wildfire and landscape resilience.

CAL FIRE Opens Up to \$70 Million in Wildfire Prevention Grants

In June 2026, CAL FIRE announced that up to \$70 million in funding is available for community-focused wildfire prevention and resilience projects, with applications open through July 8. The grants support locally led efforts that reduce wildfire risk, improve preparedness, and protect lives, property, and infrastructure.

[Get the details here](#)

You Can Make an Impact



Partner With the Shasta County Fire Safe Council

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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