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How To Prepare for a Hot Summer & Wildfire Season



Summer Is on the Way... And So Is Wildfire Season

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protect your home, family, and community. Rising temperatures and dry vegetation increase wildfire risks, making preparation more important than ever. The good news? There are lots of things you can do to help mitigate wildfire risks!

Top Tips for Summer Readiness:

- **Create Defensible Space:** Clear dry brush, dead plants, and debris at least 5 feet around your home.
- **Maintain Your Property:** Keep gutters clean, lawns hydrated, and trees trimmed to prevent fire spread.
- **Harden Your Home:** Install ember-resistant vents, use fire-resistant materials for roofing, and seal gaps around windows and doors.
- **Prepare an Evacuation Plan:** Know your evacuation routes, designate a meeting point, and pack an emergency kit.
- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for local emergency alerts and monitor fire updates regularly.
- **Practice Fire Safety:** Avoid outdoor burning, use spark arresters on equipment, and never leave campfires unattended.
- **Inspect Irrigation Systems:** Make sure sprinklers are functioning properly to keep vegetation hydrated.

Taking these steps not only helps safeguard your property but also contributes to the safety of your entire community. Wildfire preparedness is a shared responsibility, and by staying vigilant and proactive, we can reduce risks and build resilience as we head into the summer months.

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

Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

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Here's What's Happening at SCFSC

- **June 6th — Day Lassen Bench Firewise Community Wildfire Preparedness Day**

- Attend this event for the whole family and learn about how to safeguard your home and property this wildfire season. Plus, there are free prizes and giveaways!
- **Location & Time**
 - Day Road Fire Station: 29271 Day Road, McArthur, CA 96056
 - Open from 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

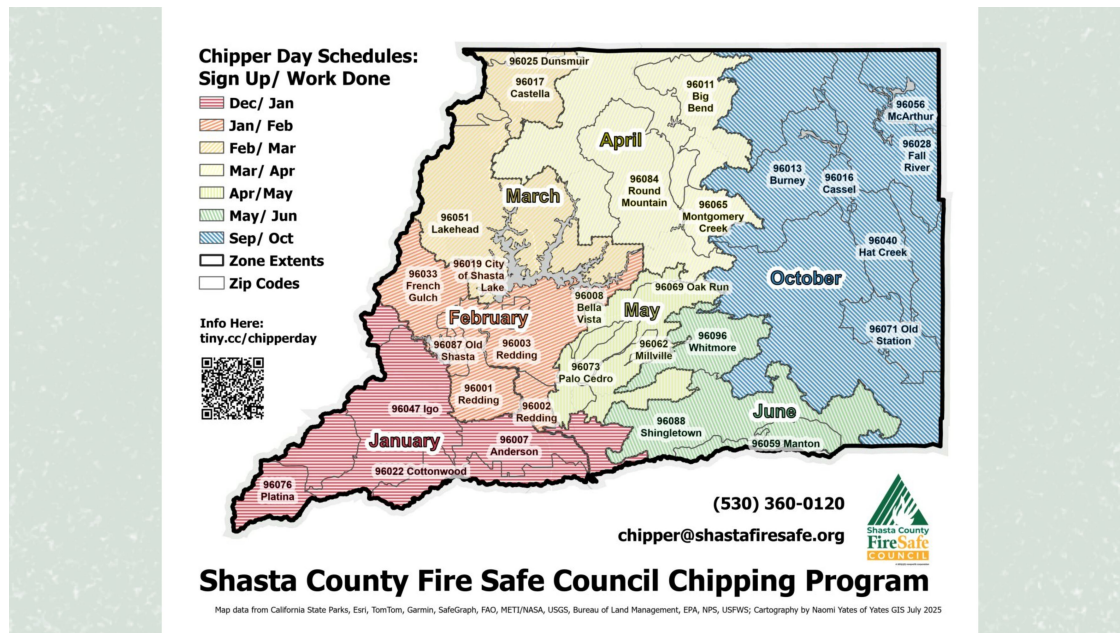
- **June 18th - 22nd — Shasta District Fair**

- Join us at the Shasta District Fair! 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**
 - Shasta District Fair & Event Center: 1890 Briggs St, Anderson, CA 96007
 - Open All Day!

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

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The Chipping Corner



Defensible Space Chipping Program Activities

Happening Now: Shingletown, Whitmore, Manton — if you missed the June 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: No chipping services from July-September

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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!

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Fire Safe Task of the Month



Prepare an Emergency Evacuation Kit

Wildfire season is just beginning, and being prepared can make all the difference. It's important to make sure you're ready to evacuate quickly if needed.

Steps To Follow:

- **Pack Essentials:** Include water, non-perishable food, medications, and important documents.
- **Add Emergency Supplies:** Bring a flashlight, extra batteries, and a first-aid kit.
- **Plan for Pets:** Don't forget pet food, water, and any necessary supplies.
- **Prepare Extra Clothing:** Pack weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- **Choose a Convenient Location:** Store your kit in an easily accessible spot for quick retrieval.

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to stay safe and contributing to community resilience during wildfire season.

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:

Redding Ends Residential Burns for the Season

As of May 15, 2026, residential burns in Redding have been suspended for the season. This measure aims to reduce wildfire risks as temperatures rise and vegetation dries out. Residents are encouraged to explore alternative methods for green waste disposal.

[Read more here](#)

California Launches \$70 Million Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

in reducing wildfire risks and enhancing preparedness.

[Learn more here](#)

California Announces \$30 Million for Regional Wildfire Prevention

On May 13, 2026, Governor Newsom unveiled \$30 million for regional wildfire prevention and landscape projects. This funding is part of California's ongoing efforts to strengthen wildfire resilience ahead of the season.

[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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