



## Wishing You Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

### Chipping Update

The FSCNC Residential Chipping Program will be caught up and current by the end of December so we can start the new year off with little to no wait times for chipping. We are encouraging the community to submit requests and continue to complete fuel reduction work throughout the winter month.

For a chipping request, [Click Here!](#)



**NEVADA COUNTY FireSafe COUNCIL**

**FREE CHIPPING**

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**FIREWISE USA**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

### Fire Wise Community Update

Mele Kalikimaka Neighbors!  
Thank you for your patience and persistence with this year's unusual issues uploading your data to your portal as NFPA's new website still had some tech issues to work out. Plus, responding to Cal Fire's request that every Firewise Community in California be submitted using the same Action Plan template – which also was fraught with issues. With nearly 800 Firewise Communities in California, it's apparent, Cal Fire needs a way to standardize the information. And after all, if you ever read the directions on your portal, they had been

asking us to make this change for over two years!

Look for more improvements this year – for instance I'm told the Risk Assessment will now be an online application only on your Firewise portal. When I learn more, all Firewise Communities needing to update in 2024 will receive an email from me with a plan on how to accomplish this task together by summer -- long before the deadline approaches.

And if you had not heard yet, I'm pleased to welcome Jason Hajduk-Dorworth as Firewise USA® Regional Coordinator for Eastern Nevada County. His background and experience is extensive, giving the Fire Safe Council an excellent representative for the Truckee region. To connect with Jason, FSC Eastern Firewise & Resiliency Coordinator, just email: [jason@areyoufiresafe.com](mailto:jason@areyoufiresafe.com).

Lastly, thank you everyone for continuing to create a safer and more resilient landscape.

*May your Holidays be special and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!*

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## **Defensible Space Clearing Service UPDATE!**

DSCS wait time were delayed due to seasonal maintenance and repairs and starting in January, we will be refocusing efforts on the program.

**Join the conversation about how to use fire as a tool with Prescribed Burning. Experts from CAL FIRE and the Nevada County Resource Conservation District will discuss Prescribed Fire or Controlled Burning used for good land stewardship.**

We know fire safety is on your mind, let's talk about it. Tune in to KNCO AM 830 on the third Thursday of every month at 9am or listen on our Soundcloud channel to learn about the latest wildfire news from YubaNet, Fire Safe Council preparedness programs, and overall community resilience.

Do you have a topic or question you'd like us to cover? Let us know at [insight@areyoufiresafe.com](mailto:insight@areyoufiresafe.com)

[Click here to listen on our Soundcloud Channel](#)

# INSIGHT FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Hosted by Jim Mathias



## PRESCRIBED BURNING

Thursday, December 21, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Call in live / text with your questions.

Call: (530) 477-5626 or Text : (530) 913-4685

**FIRE SAFE  
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**KNCO NEWS TALK 830**  
NEVADA COUNTY'S FIRST CHOICE FOR LOCAL NEWS



## Defensible Space Advisory Visit UPDATE!

Have you had a Free Defensible Space Advisory Visit (DSAV)? Now is a great time of the year for a DSAV!

If you are interested in making your property more fire safe, then this is the program for you. As the rains come, it is normal for fire safety to slip down your list of priorities, but getting a DSAV during the winter is a proactive approach to wildfire preparedness. To schedule a visit, call the Fire Safe Council (FSC) at 530-272-1122, or use the **'Contact Us' form** on the FSC Website <https://www.areyoufiresafe.com/contact-us>

If a fire comes and you have to evacuate, wouldn't it be nice to come back to find your home still standing? Homeowners who take a few simple steps to 'harden' their homes and create defensible space greatly increase the likelihood that their home will survive. That's where the FSC Defensible Space Advisors can help.

Trained Advisors are ready to walk around your home with you and provide friendly, knowledgeable advice to help you harden your house and improve the 100 feet around your home. Visits take about an hour. Often, people don't understand what exactly needs to be done. A DSAV will take the mystery out of what to do.

While wildfires are more common in the warmer months, year-round maintenance

and preparation are essential to reduce the risk of property damage and enhance overall safety.

By taking action during the winter, you can ensure that your home is better protected and less vulnerable to wildfires whenever they may occur. Sign up now, there is no waitlist!!

## Join the Nevada County RCD for a Prescribed Burn Workshop!

In this Burn Workshop, you will learn how to locate and prepare a burn site, build control lines, what tools to use, and prepare the site for safe burning, such as selective pruning and ladder fuel removal. CAL FIRE will join us to discuss permitting requirements.



### RX FIRE Prepare to Burn Workshop – Nevada County

- **Date:** Saturday, December 16
- **Time:** 10 AM – 1 PM
- **Location:** Location details will be sent via email to attendees.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Details:** Join us during a workshop for an Introduction and overview of prescribed fire basics with a focus on preparing to burn. Lead by Joaquin Pastrana, Nevada County RCD Prescribed Fire Program Manager & Nathaniel Van Order

[Register HERE!](#)

[Prescribed Burning - Nevada County Resource Conservation District \(ncrcd.org\)](http://ncrcd.org)



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