



DOLLAR POINT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

Summer has officially arrived! And after our winter with historical and even dangerous snowfall, we can now finally enjoy one of the most treasured seasons in Tahoe. As a reminder, residents and visitors may see a sign at the pool or at the beach. This sign is a **RED FLAG WARNING**, which means a combination of warm temperatures, very low humidity, strong winds, dry fuels and possible lighting strikes can instantly combine to increase the risk of fire danger. Did you know that you can always get notice of red flag warnings before you get to Tahoe? Tune to **AM 1630** on your radio, check out the National Weather Service, or follow **northtahoefire** on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

OUR EXCELLANT “DPA DUMPSTER DAY” RECAP

The annual Memorial weekend saw another “DPA Dumpster Day” great success story:

- 80 members participated in the 2 day event (15% of membership)
- 270 cubic yards of green waste were hauled away...that’s 9 large dumpsters of forest fuels removed!
- As a result of the reported labor hours, DPA’s cost for the dumpsters were fully reimbursed!

Members who did not participate in the recent DPA Dumpster Days are invited to join us next time and to report any costs incurred for hiring a landscaping company or other service provider to remove green waste from their DPA property. Please help us measure our community’s fire prevention efforts by reporting your volunteer hours as well as the dollar amounts spent on vegetation removal by following the link below: <https://www.dollarpoint.org/annual-firewise-certification-data>.

THE NEXT DPA DUMPSTER DAYS ARE COMING FAST: JULY 28th FROM 8 AM – 2 PM. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

We welcome all current and new members to the Dollar Point community to participate in our FIREWISE activities and resources. **Please visit the [Fire Awareness Page](#) of the DPA website for help with defensible space, home hardening, evacuation and living with wildfires.**

Now is a great time to be thinking about how to make our homes more defensible. And investing in your safety while reducing the impact of wildfire. Home hardening can include improvements to vegetation, roofs, gutters, vents, siding, skylights and more.

See the following guide for key ideas on how to harden your home or to help your neighbors do the same: http://www.tahoelivingwithfire.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/LWF_RetrofitGuide_Accessible_for_Web.pdf

NORTH TAHOE FIRE SEASONAL CURBSIDE CHIPPING

Did you know that North Tahoe Fire provides a free chipping service for residents? This is a great opportunity to have larger items chipped curbside, and then the owner can spread the chips on their property from there. The last day to make a request for the 2023 chipping season is 10/9/2023. For questions about chipping, please call 530-584-2322.

HOW IT WORKS

- Submit a curbside chipping request <https://www.chipperday.com/northtahoe>.
- Please submit chipping requests at least one week before the crew is scheduled to be in the area. Requests received after the deadline may not be chipped until the next rotation.
- This is a grant-funded residential curbside chipping program to support property owners as they create defensible space, with a goal of reducing vegetation that would be fuel in a wildfire. This program is not meant to be used by tree service and defensible space contractors. Large piles left by contractors will not be chipped.
- Pile sizes are limited to 6-feet in height, 6-feet in width, and 20-feet in length. Please build your piles longer--not higher!
- Piles need to be placed at the edge of the street with the cut end of the vegetation facing the street. Piles set further back on the property will most likely NOT be chipped.
- Vegetation cannot exceed 9-inches in diameter.
- PLEASE NOTE: No pine needles, pinecones, stumps, nails, lumber, residential waste, or dirt are allowed.
- **Chips will be left on-site and can be spread around the property for landscaping or erosion control.**
- Chips cannot be located within 5-feet of any structure or combustible attachment.
- Spread the chips to a maximum depth of 3-inches to create mulch areas.

- Use noncombustible areas (dirt/rock/irrigated lawns) to break up large areas of continuous chips.
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FOCUS ON: Grizzley Flats and Defensible Space from the Caldor Fire

The community of Grizzley Flats was hit hard by the Caldor wildfire. We clearly and painfully learned that maintaining Defensible Space makes a huge difference. You can see how important it all is in this video. It provides an example of what happens with embers and wind during a wildfire. Check it out: <https://www.grizzlyflatsfsc.com/caldor-fire-home-hardening-video>