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DOLLAR POINT FIREWISE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

**JOIN US for the Final Green Waste Dumpster Day —
Mark Your Calendars! LAST CALL FOR 2024!**

**JULY 26th FROM 8 AM – 2 PM AT THE BEACH PARKING
LOT**

This event is GREEN WASTE ONLY! As a reminder, there is NO DUMPING without DPA staff present. We know that lines can sometimes be long for this event, but please wait patiently as the staff is surely doing the best they can. Please have your DPA ID card with you for the Firewise volunteers to record your data.

The event will end early if all the dumpsters are full prior to the 2:00 pm end time. Firewise volunteers will advise you during each visit.

A big thanks to all the members who have embraced our community's Defensible Space Initiative and have participated in the Green Waste Dumpster Days! There are still reusable bags at the office available for members to borrow. Please help us reduce waste by using reusable bags, tarps, or cans to hold your green waste.

Even if you don't participate in the Green Waste Dumpster Day, 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>.

An Important Safety Reminder:

Some pedestrian safety concerns surfaced with the last Green Waste Dumpster Days. Clearly, there is the potential for pedestrians (and their beach arrival cars) to be in conflict with the Green Waste Dumpster Day vehicles. The solution? We are asking beach arrival cars to let out their beach-bound pedestrians to take a different path, 10 feet below the parking area. That noted, this important safety detour routing will occur from 8 am to 2 pm only. Beach pedestrian access cars will be asked to follow the signage instructions and the volunteers positioned onsite will give verbal instructions for safely turning around. Thanks, in advance, for your mindful cooperation!

DOLLAR POINT FIREWISE - BY THE NUMBERS

- **105** Labor Hours Logged on the Community's Website
 - **270** Cubic Yards of Green Waste Collected
 - **1,128.50** Cumulative Labor Hours Logged (includes 45.5 Hours Logged by Staff)
 - **1,233.50** Cumulative Labor Hours Logged (2-Dumpster Days + Website Stats)
 - **\$7,037** Collection Expenses Paid Out to Other Providers on Community's Website
 - **\$9,440** Collection Expenses Paid Out to Dumpster Days Service Providers Reported on Dumpster Day
 - **\$16,477** Cumulative Defensible Space Expenses Paid Out to Others as of November 2023 (Dumpster Days+Website Stats)
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FOCUS ON:

Thousands of wildfires strike California every year. It is not a matter of if your home is at risk, but when! Remember - FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND ARE ILLEGAL IN THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN.

- **What is a Red Flag Warning?**
 - Red Flag Warning is a forecast issued by the National Weather Service designed to warn the public and fire personnel of conditions that could well lead to extreme fire behavior within the next 24 hours. During Red Flag Warnings, Lake Tahoe residents must exercise extreme caution, as just one spark or smoldering ember could cause a catastrophic wildfire. All sources of outdoor flame are discouraged during Red Flag Warnings including wood, propane, and charcoal.
 - **Evacuating a Wildfire:**
 - **How Will I Be Notified?** - Public Safety Officials use a variety of methods to alert the public of an emergency. However, residents must take the initiative to stay informed. Local Emergency Notification System (ENS) automatically sends alerts via text, email, and telephone. Homeowners can sign up for each of Lake Tahoe County's ENS by visiting [Placer County's alert website](#). Local government public information officers broadcast media releases to local media outlets.
 - Emergency managers initiate the Emergency Alert System which interrupts local radio stations, government cable channels, and television broadcasts with emergency information. Lastly, First Responders and credentialed volunteers go door-to-door to alert citizens.
 - **Evacuation Warning vs. Evacuation Order-** An **Evacuation Warning** (or voluntary evacuation) suggests a potential threat to life. Evacuation isn't mandatory at this point, although it is advised and preparation is absolutely necessary. An **Evacuation Order** (or **Mandatory Evacuation**) suggests an immediate threat to life. It is a lawful ordinance to leave!
 - **Prepare an Evacuation Go-Bag (Emergency Supply Kit)-** Prepare your Go-Bag before an emergency, and include a minimum of 7-days of supplies you would need to evacuate and function. Include essentials such as clothes,
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toiletries, medications, food, water, cash, credit/debit cards, and pet supplies. Make sure your personal documents (such as your Social Security Card, passport, and treasures/memorabilia) are accessible. Consider adding a USB drive with copies of these documents to your Go-Bag.

- **Landlord & Renter Responsibilities-** Create an inventory of all your personal items in case you need to make an insurance claim. Take pictures of your valuables and treasures and upload them to a Digital Cloud such as Google Drive or iCloud.
- **Document Your Belongings**
- **Know the Law: Be Ready to Evacuate!-** California law authorizes officers to restrict access to anyone where a menace to public health or safety exists due to a calamity such as flood, storm, wildfire, earthquake, explosion, accident, or other disaster. Refusal to comply is a misdemeanor (Penal Code 409.5).
- **Create A Wildfire Action Plan**
- **Remember the Six “P’s”:**
 - **People & Pets**
 - **Papers, Phone Numbers & Important Documents**
 - **Prescriptions, Vitamins & Eyeglasses**
 - **Pictures & Irreplaceable Memorabilia**
 - **Personal Computer Hard Drive and Discs/Thumb Drives, etc.**
 - **Plastic (Credit Cards, ATM Cards) & Cash**

My Tree is Dead & Needs to be Removed! Now What?

(Notes from April Shackelford, MS, Forest Fuels Manger, North Tahoe Fire Protection District, Office: 530-584-2344 & Cell: 707-362-1378)

- Entirely dead trees, with no green needles, can be taken down without a permit. Please contact a Tree Service Provider of your choice.
 - Trees over 14-inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) require a permit to be removed, unless entirely dead. The tree in question will be marked by either
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Fire District or TRPA Personnel and a permit will be issued. Under 14-inches DBH means that no permit is needed/required.

- [TRPA-approved Tree Service Companies](#) are listed on the Dollar Point website, under the [Fire Awareness page](#).

You're Doing Great, Dollar Point! Be Firewise & Help Your Neighbors Do The Same! Have A Safe & Sane 4th of July!

