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DOLLAR POINT FIREWISE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

FOCUS ON: Green Waste Dumpster Days — Our Latest Recap:

Our Green Waste Dumpster Days in Dollar Point are gaining real momentum! Thanks to all members who participated in our recent two-day event in May. We had 87 members (16% of the membership) participating in this latest go-around. All the reusable bags the office provided were borrowed by members and more will be available for the final Green Waste Dumpster Day. Keep it up Dollar Point and thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe!

Members who did not participate in the recent DPA Green Waste 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 LAST GREEN WASTE DUMPSTER DAY IS COMING FAST: JULY 26th FROM 8 AM – 2 PM.

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.**



**Defensible Space Update: Does your home have Defensible Space?
Will your home survive a fire?**

If a wildfire breaks out, will firefighters be able to save your Dollar Point home? Having defensible space around your home will likely mean the difference between whether firefighters can save your home or not.

The term defensible space refers to the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been managed to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to safely defend the house. In these large events, firefighting resources can become scarce and may not be readily available to protect your home. In the event that firefighters are not available, defensible space improves the likelihood of a home surviving without assistance. You will also be more likely to safely evacuate your home early, knowing that you have played all your cards right to protect your home and property.

Defensible space also protects the forest and adjacent properties from a fire that starts on your property. Home fires are common occurrences and to eradicate these fires, firefighters need a safe place to do their work. And guess what? Defensible space is a safe area where firefighters can effectively work to contain the fire to the important area of origin. Without defensible space and rapid suppression, these fires can expand to an adjacent forest growing out of control and becoming catastrophic.

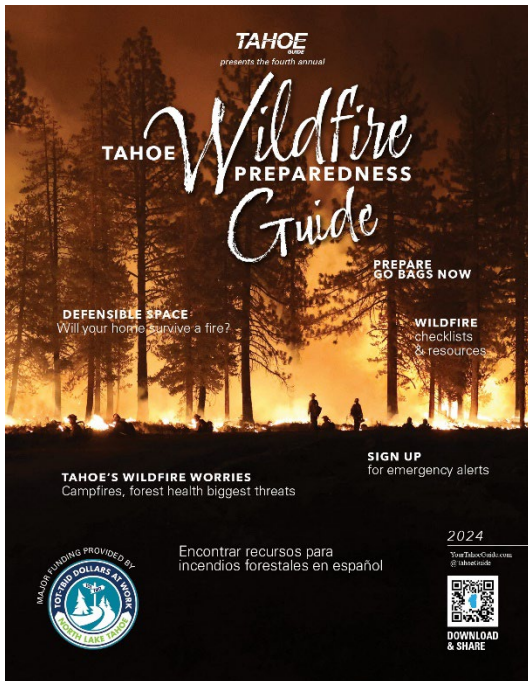
Plan on doing the bulk of your defensible space efforts in the Spring. This is a great time to deal with all the Winter debris on your property, including dead and downed trees, and when we are busy getting our properties ready for Summer. We also need to be prepared for more work days in the Fall, when pine needles start to fall, fuels are dry, and seasonal changes can produce strong weather events with atypical winds that are typically tied to catastrophic fires. A little clean-up in the Fall pays big dividends when it comes to achieving effective defensible space. At the end of the day, we need to have defensible space at all times. And we must be vigilant, fanatic to be sure.

Here's a look at what some of your Dollar Point neighbors have been doing with their yards to do their part in promoting defensible space in our community...So, how about you? Join us today!



Defensible Space Resources:

The Tahoe Guide is just out with its fourth annual Tahoe Wildfire Preparedness Guide! Sign up for emergency alerts...Prepare Family Members...Emergency Preparedness for the Elderly, Disabled...Prepare WILDFIRE GO BAG ESSENTIALS NOW...Create a Disaster Survival Kit...Prepare Your Car For Evacuation...Wildfire Evacuation Checklists & Resources...Prepare Pets and much more! Want copies of the wildfire guide? Email: publisher@yourtahoeguide.com



California Cooperative Extension Offices (ucanr.edu)

Chipping/Mulch Programs ([contact local fire district](#); tahoelivingwithfire.com)

Defensible Space Inspection ([contact local fire district](#); tahoelivingwithfire.com)

Living with Fire Homeowner's Guide (trpa.gov)

Native Plants (names.agnt.unr.edu)

Nevada Cooperative Extension Offices (ucanr.edu)

Tree Removal (trpa.gov)

Let's all do our part to keep our properties and community safe from wildfire. Thanks Dollar Point!