

DOLLAR POINT FIREWISE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Thank You to everyone who participated in our Dumpster Day survey! We are using your inputs to develop our 2021 plan.

As Fall is now upon us, we still need to remain vigilant with our fire safety.

Below are important reminders!



- * <u>Inspect</u> and <u>clean</u> fireplace flues and wood-burning stoves. Soot build-up is a dangerous fire hazard.
- * Check batteries in Carbon Monoxide and Fire Alarms.
- * <u>Check expiration dates on Fire Extinguishers</u>. There should be at a minimum one extinguisher per floor. Be sure that there is an extinguisher by any heat source (kitchen, fireplace...)
- * Be sure to <u>cover firewood</u> wherever you state it with a fireproof tarp. These can be purchased on Amazon or local hardware stores.
- Creating defensible space is ongoing.
 - ** Needles, cones, and dead wood
 - ** Shake roofs will catch fire quickly and should be replaced
- ** SPECIAL NOTE: Manzanita is a highly flammable, quick-burning plant that most of us have in our yards. Some properties have as many as 12+ plants in rows, intermingled, and tall trees. North Tahoe Fire has emphasized the best way to be safe is to eliminate manzanita from our yards. At a minimum, they should be cut back and thinned out.
- * REMINDER that using charcoal BBQs and wood-burning fire pits are banned until Nov 1.

North Tahoe Fire did a video at our July Dumpster Day highlighting our community and the important work we are doing.



Here is an informative video on fire awareness in the Lake Tahoe Basin.



Be sure to register for Placer County alerts at placer.ca.gov.

Happy Fall and stay well and safe,

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