

DOLLAR POINT FIRE COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER

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Happy Fall!! The smoke has cleared, and the air is crisp with Fall approaching!

It's a great time to finish getting rid of **or severely trimming** the manzanita on your property!

We are still in Fire Season so be sure you have signed up for Placer Alerts, created a defensible space, removed manzanita, cleared roofs and cleaned gutters of needles/debris, cover firewood with fire resistant tarps, place large reflective house numbers on your home or bear box (free in the DP Pool Office) and be sure to have mesh screens on all home vents. Know where your go bags are, have a plan to evacuate and check our website for more complete info.

Ok, that was a quick summary of basic precautions.

Now to Fall projects. Start thinking of having your chimney checked and cleaned.

Ask yourself how often do you use your chimney? Then ask yourself when was the last time your chimney was cleaned? Some recommend that your chimney is cleaned once a year. Creosote, debris, animal nests, etc. will build up in the flue, this is highly flammable and can lead to a chimney fire.

If you are working towards making your home safe from wildfires, then you will want to make sure to take all the necessary steps. Chimney cleaning is just another added benefit to make that happen.

Here is more information <https://www.csia.org/faq.html>

Check your fire extinguishers to make sure they are still working. Be sure to keep one near kitchen and heat sources. Minimum of one upstairs and one downstairs.

Reminder: If you have done work on your property to create defensible space or have installed a new roof and have not yet reported your hours and dollars spent to our committee, please contact Jenny Swoboda at jkswoboda@gmail.com. We report our work efforts and money spend in our community to Firewise every Fall to continue our yearly certification as a Firewise Community.



Of all the years we have been in Dollar Point, this was the first that we worried about the possibility of fire reaching Tahoe City. We can't prevent wildfire, but we can improve our chances of living through one. **LET'S ALL DO OUR PART!**

Be Well and Safe,

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