

DOLLAR POINT FIRE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 2022



The term “DEFENSIBLE SPACE” should be on all of our minds. The Caldor Fire in 2021 is a wake up call and reminder to communities in the Lake Tahoe Basin that our homes are in a fire-prone landscape, and that all of us need to do our part to prepare for and prevent the next wildfire.

Dollar Point has scheduled green waste DUMPSTER DAYS at the end of this month on MAY 27 (Friday), MAY 30 (Monday) from 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. At the request of several residents, we are also scheduling a third Dumpster Day on a non-holiday weekday, JULY 29 (Friday). We will have a separate dumpster for plastic yard waste bags, but in the spirit of environmental sustainability, we encourage residents to think about using reusable canvas tarps and trash cans when bringing your green waste to the dumpster to reduce our plastic waste footprint. Dumpster Days are open to Dollar Point properties only. Please try to remember your DPA Membership ID. Please keep track of your time and money spent on defensible space. Every little bit helps us get FireWise recertification. You can now log that info on the www.dollarpoint.org website, or let one of the FireWise Committee Members know at Dumpster Day!

Our goal this summer is to collect 300 cubic yards of green waste so let's start getting those pine needles, leaves, broken branches and pine cones picked up. Manzanita and Mountain White Thorn brush are very flammable and you are encouraged to cut it back to no higher than knee height, or even better remove it. Trees within 30 feet of your home should have low-hanging branches limbed up not to exceed the bottom 1/3 of the tree's height. FREE FIRE PROPERTY COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS are available through NT Fire. Spots fill quickly so make your appointment early by going to www.ntfire.net.

Check trees near power lines for limbs and branches that are too close and could cause potential problems in heavy wind or snow. Liberty Utilities will come out to inspect and trim branches for free if needed. The Liberty Utilities website has a Tree Inspection Request Form to start the process. <https://california.libertyutilities.com>

The Tahoe Living With Fire website is an EXCELLENT resource www.tahoelivingwithfire.com. It contains the most updated guidelines for defensible space, the Wildfire Home Retrofit Guide, help choosing the right landscape, and valuable information about the FREE Curbside Chipping services (as does NT Fire) available starting May 9, 2022.

Thank you in advance for supporting our FireWise projects. Please stay safe and well.

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