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TIPS FOR INSURANCE ISSUES

Home insurance canceled in Oakland? Here's what to do



Amy Bach of United Policyholders shares tips for homeowners who've received non-renewals and insight into the future of insurance rates in California. **ARTICLE**

SPEAKING OF PROTECTING YOUR HOME



Steve Quarles demonstrates how embers can ignite dry leaf debris and melt plastic gutters. Photo by Evett Kilmartin

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) Report: Making homes more resistant to wildfire can be affordable

"Wildfire losses cost taxpayers and communities hundreds of billions of dollars each year, and preparing communities before a disaster occurs is the best way to avoid damage to homes and neighborhoods. Retrofitting existing homes can make communities safer while avoiding billions in disaster costs.

As Californians learn to live with wildfire, scientists encourage improving the structure and design of houses and other buildings to help them survive wildfire. A new report shows that even inexpensive changes can increase wildfire resistance." **READ**

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FIRE WORK IN EBRPD

The East Bay Regional Park District will receive \$1,380,000 in federal funding



Park District Set to Receive \$1.38 Million in Federal Funds for Wildfire Mitigation Work

secured by U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (D-CA14) for wildfire mitigation and safe, resilient forest work. Wildfire safety is one of the Park District's top priorities, and these funds will boost the District's wildfire mitigation efforts.

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SPEAKING OF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



Friends of Beaconsfield Canyon Volunteer Workday

Saturday / July 27 / 9:00am - Noon

Join us for a midsummer workday focused on **fire clearing** and invasive plants.

We supply gloves, tools, water, snacks. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and shoes or boots with good treads for slippery ground.

Meet at 2639 Beaconsfield Place, just off Chelton Drive in Montclair. Walk in on the dirt road.

Please RSVP if bringing four or more people. To RSVP, obtain a liability waiver in advance, or for more info, **email richard@rkcommunications.com**.

FREE FIRESCAPING TALK

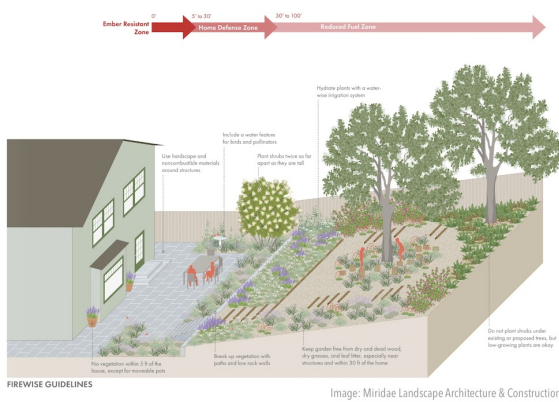


Saturday / July 27 / 11am-12pm

at Annie's Annuals & Perennials – 740 Market Ave, Richmond, CA

Learn strategies on how you can reduce your risks in fire prone California by protecting and hardening your home and creating beautiful firewise landscapes in conjunction with careful selection, placement, and maintenance of plants in your garden. With speakers Steve Danzige and Hedwig Van Den Broeck. **DETAILS**

SPEAKING OF FIRE-SMART LANDSCAPING



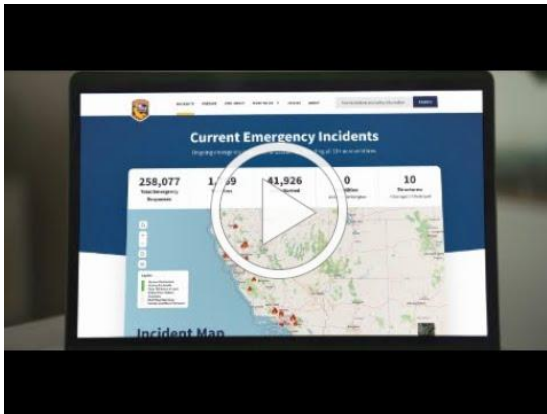
From California Native Plant Society *July eNews*:

"Calscape.org has **beautiful firewise landscape designs**, created by Miridae Landscape Architecture & Construction. The designs follow best practices for firewise landscaping and indicate the ember resistant zone, home defense zone, and reduced fuel zone, along with tips on pruning, planting, hardscaping, and irrigation. You can download them

and use them to plan a design. Even better—you can also create a Calscape account and use the **Calscape plant finder** to choose the native plants best suited to your location."

OFSC PROGRAM PAGE **FIRESCAPING**

FIRE ACTIVITY TRACKING MAP FROM CAL FIRE



Fire Activity Tracking: CAL FIRE Incident Portal Map

The latest enhancements to **CAL FIRE's website**, utilize cutting-edge software, intel, and a human touch to keep the public informed on wildfire activity as it happens. Key features include a user-friendly interface, real-time data, and detailed layers allowing you to stay updated on fire incident information, including road closures and evacuations.

IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK PARTY



National Night Out (NNO) is time for neighbors to get together to build neighborhood spirit and unity, introduce Emergency Preparedness ideas, and raise crime prevention awareness. Research shows that when neighbors know each other, neighborhoods are safer. **REGISTER** by July 29, 2024 to receive a Host packet from the City of Oakland.

For a list of OFSC's suggested information that you can print out for and/or electronically share with your NNO group, please **CONTACT US**

AL CO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY



OCTOBER 5, 2024 / SATURDAY / 10 AM - 2 PM

Join Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council for a day filled with great information & resources at **Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day** at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley. Stay tuned for details!

COMMUNITY KEEPS US GOING



Working together contributes to the well-being and safety of each other, our neighborhoods and our communities in Oakland (and beyond). OFSC continually strives to help everyone be prepared and ready for disasters. In addition to continuing the Firewise USA® for Oakland program, your **tax-deductible contributions** help us

- Provide free workshops
- Develop new wildfire safety programs
- Nurture connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

THANK YOU for all that you have done so far in supporting OFSC's work and thank you for ANY donation you are able to make now.

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Oakland Firesafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax-deductible.



Oakland Firesafe Council (OFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

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