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## A PERK FOR LOCAL FIREWISE COMMUNITIES

### Free Home Hardening Demonstrations from Diablo Firesafe Council



Oakland's **Klamath-Brunell Firewise recognized neighborhood** group recently completed their mandatory, yearly Outreach and Education event with guest speaker Sheryl Drinkwater, Architect and President of the Diablo Firesafe Council (DFSC).

In this free demonstration Sheryl shared **5 easy actions** that residents can take to help make their homes more ignition resistant and increase home survivability should a fire occur. Special thanks to Al Clark Firewise Resident lead for hosting and Adam Ball of the Oakland Fire Department.

These demonstrations are free and available to all Firewise communities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.



## OFSC FIREWISE USA® FOR OAKLAND PROGRAM

## KEEPING OAKLAND WILDFIRE SAFE

### WPZ BALLOT MEASURE

The goal of the Keep Oakland Wildfire Safe Committee is to do everything possible to pass the Wildfire Prevention Zone (WPZ) ballot measure on November 5th. The Claremont Canyon Conservancy board, along



with the North Hills Community Association, Oakland Firesafe Council, and the Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association, have endorsed the measure because it will help the city of Oakland improve wildfire prevention on its property. Learn **MORE ABOUT THE MEASURE**

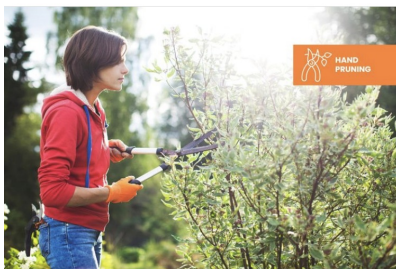
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## SUMMER VEG MAINTENANCE FOR FIRE SAFETY

### AROUND THE HOME

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**SUMMER VEGETATION MAINTENANCE**  
and Fire Hazard Reduction  
**FOR THE HOME GARDEN**

- Hand-prune the inside branches of shrubs to reduce flush of growth.
- Remember, edging and shearing alone results in weak, fast growth and potential fuel during fire season.
- Create and follow a pruning plan for your garden.

from UC ANR Cooperative Extension SAFER Landscapes ~ **Fire Preparation Throughout the Year**. In summer:

- **Water appropriately** to maintain healthy leaf moisture without encouraging excess growth.
- **Hand-prune** the inside branches of shrubs to reduce flush of growth. Remember, edging and shearing alone results in weak, fast growth and more fuel.
- **Stay ahead of weeds** by maintaining a regular schedule of hand pulling or weed whipping, before the seed heads mature, to reduce fire hazard and invasive seed banks. Utilize mulch to suppress weeds.
- Dry leaves and other debris that have collected in your rain gutters can be dangerous and ignite a fire very easily. **Cleaning your rain gutters** regularly can prevent this from being a threat.

### IN THE WUI (WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE)



Did you know Claremont Canyon Conservancy volunteer workday activities include removing invasive plants for fire safety?

Pictured is their stewardship lead at Signpost 29, pulling out invasive *Dittrichia graveolens* (stinkwort). When invasive plants are left unchecked they outcompete native plants and become a fire hazard since they increase biomass on the ground, burn hotter, and become fuel for

wildfires. If you're interested in volunteering with Claremont Canyon Conservancy visit their **VOLUNTEER** webpage or send them a message at [info@claremontcanyon.org](mailto:info@claremontcanyon.org).

## "RESIDENTS GET STUCK..."



The Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF) – the research affiliate of NFPA® – commissioned a comprehensive survey of residents, fire departments, and local governments in California and Oregon with the goal of better understanding these audiences' perceptions of the wildfire problem and engagement in addressing those threats.

Read the report to learn where residents get stuck when it comes to wildfire mitigation, and how to connect them with needed information, resources, grants, and other funding to help motivate them to action. [REPORT](#)

**DON'T BE STUCK!**  
**OFSC WILDFIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY NOW OPEN



### ALAMEDA COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY

October 5, 2024 / Saturday / 10 AM - 2 PM

Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council are co-hosting a day filled with great information & resources at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley.

Interested in getting involved through a sponsorship? [DETAILS](#)

## ROOTED. RESILIENT. READY

Your organization is invited to attend a Regional Disaster Ready Summit.

To foster community resilience and deepen connections across California's mutual aid regions, **Listos California** will be hosting one-day Regional Disaster Ready Summit workshops. These summits aim to prepare communities to respond





swiftly to disaster needs and build resilience in California's most high-risk areas.

- Network and Build Relationships
- Learn Problem-Solving Tools
- Receive Disaster Preparedness Information and Resources

## DETAILS & REGISTRATION

## 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 (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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