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## OFSC MEETS THE CARBONATOR

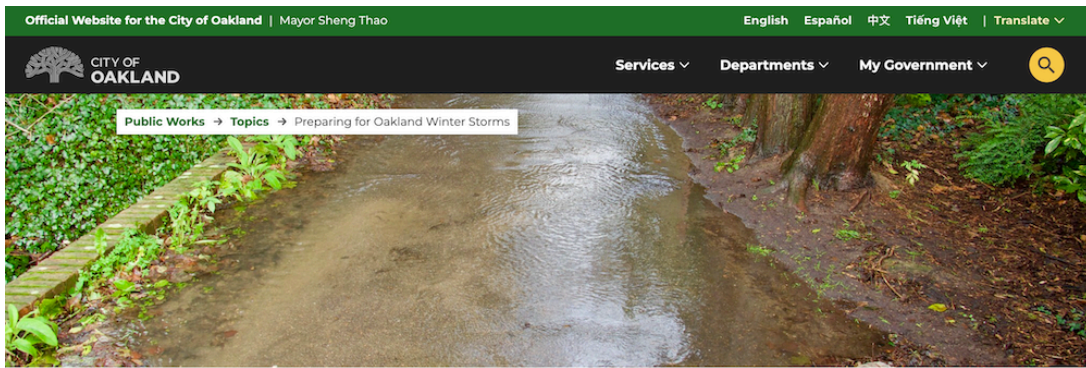


**We took a field trip to meet the machine helping to reduce fire hazards in Anthony Chabot Regional Park**

*"A new climate-conscious machine is helping reduce excess and dead vegetation in East Bay parks. The machine is called a carbonator and is capable of turning as much as 80 tons of trees and shrubs into biochar in a matter of several hours. The biochar—a mostly carbon substance created by burning organic material in an oxygen-limited environment—can then be spread around the land to improve soil quality."* **LEARN MORE**

## STORM SEASON PREPAREDNESS

**Visit the City of Oakland Public Works [Preparing for Winter Storms](#) page for tips and resources to get ready for rainy weather**



- How to Report Flood-Related or Storm-Related Problems
- How to Prepare your Home
- Emergency Sandbags and Plastic Sheeting
- Volunteer Needs and Opportunities
- Stay up to Date on Emergencies and Public Safety

## >> OFSC Guide – **Winter Storms Preparedness**

### NEED SOME TOOLS FOR THAT?

**OAKLAND FIRESAFE COUNCIL** **PROJECTS?**  
Vegetation Management  
Home Hardening Winter Storm Prep  
**BORROW TOOLS**  
Oakland Tool Lending Library

Vegetation management. Home hardening. Winter storm preparation.

**Got projects, but don't have all the right tools?**

The **Oakland Tool Lending Library** has over 5,000 tools for you to borrow, (along with books and how-to DVDs).

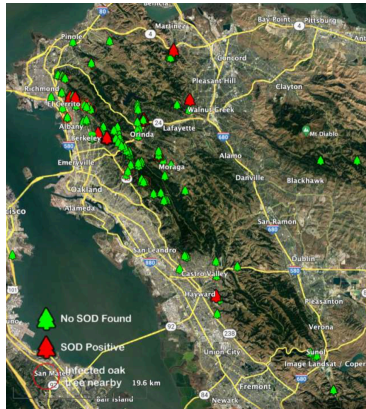
They have tools for:

- gardening and landscaping
- home improvement
- remodeling and repairs
- seismic retrofit
- and more...

### MORE ITEMS OF NOTE

#### **MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2024**

Sign up for some vegetation management / Adopt-a-spot projects. Volunteer pre-registration opens Dec. 18th. **VISIT**



## SUDDEN OAK DEATH (SOD) NEWS

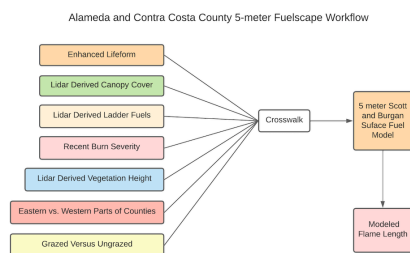
- **Tracking & Subduing the Plague of California's Oak Woodlands –** *Scanning the California oak woodlands from the air, large swaths of the bleached, skeletal remains of trees can be seen. These plagued patches have become kindling for the inevitable next firestorm...* [READ](#)
- **SOD BLITZ 2023 RESULTS**



Firefighter, left, uses a chainsaw to cut dead branches in the Mt. Tamalpais watershed near Sky Oaks Road in Fairfax on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023. He was on a crew contracted by the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority to reduce fire fuels near residences. (San Diego/Mark Independent Journal)

## California launches new map to track fire prevention, forest health projects

*A task force commissioned by Gov. Gavin Newsom has unveiled a new online tool that it says will provide a first-of-its-kind map showing all forest and fire prevention work completed in California.* [READ](#)



## ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA WILDFIRE HAZARD AND RISK

- **Story map** about the fuels, hazard, and risk to structures datasets
- **Webapp** that shows the fuels, hazard and risk to structures datasets



## UPDATE FROM THE CA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

[READ](#) their December Newsletter

NO OFSC MEETING IN DECEMBER

**We're taking a break from meeting this month, but we'll see you at the next one on **January 17, 2024**.**

In the meantime, OFSC is still striving to help our communities be prepared and ready for disasters. **We're seeking financial support to help fund activities in the upcoming year** such as:

- Providing free workshops
- Offering Firewise USA® support
- Developing new wildfire safety programs
- Nurturing connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

Your **tax-deductible contribution** would help us to continue on with these and other important, potentially **life-saving endeavors**.

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.

## SUPPORT

*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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