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FIRE WEATHER WATCH OVER THE WEEKEND

 **Fire Weather Watch Saturday AM - Sunday PM** Weather Forecast Office
San Francisco Bay Area
Thursday, October 26

What

- Limited overnight RH recoveries of 20-35% and daytime humidities of 15-25%
- Combined with gusty northerly winds up to 45 mph Saturday afternoon into Sunday will contribute to elevated fire weather conditions

Where


- Ridge tops and high terrain generally above 1,000 feet in Sonoma, Napa, and Marin counties, as well as the Santa Cruz Mtns, eastern Santa Clara county, and the East Bay Hills

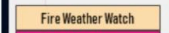

When


- 5 AM Saturday through 5 PM Sunday

Impacts & Safety

- Elevated fire weather conditions



 @NWSBayArea Issued: Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:33 AM weather.gov/bayarea

A **Fire Weather Watch (FWW)** has been issued beginning 5 AM Saturday through 5 PM Sunday for gusty offshore winds and dry conditions. Please stay up to date on the forecast, and use extreme caution when recreating outdoors. Keep up with local officials for further information.

Wildfire season isn't over even though we got some rain. Reminder: the 1991 Oakland Firestorm was 22 years ago (October 19) and Camp/Paradise Fire started Nov. 8, 2018.

MANY THINGS FIRESCAPING...

Autumn months are the best time to get landscapes cleaned up and ready for spring – now is the time to incorporate principles of

firescaping during your planning and preparation for an appealing and fire-smart yard. Remember **planning, placement, and maintenance** are the key factors!



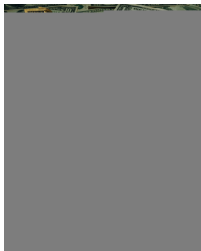
According to the **UC Master Gardener Program of Alameda County** Month-by-Month Calendar:

>> Fall is a great planting time for perennials and **California Natives** in our climate. >> Cut back and divide leggy perennials or plant new ones. >> Plant shrubs and trees.



FOSC ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE, 10/29

Here's a great opportunity to incorporate native plants in your fire-smart landscape! The FOSC Native Plant nursery is holding its **annual plant sale** on Sunday, October 29th, 10am-3pm.



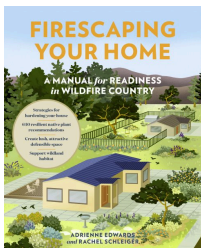
EBMUD COULD HELP YOU SAVE SOME \$\$

The East Bay Municipal Utility District **WaterSmart Gardener** resource center for outdoor water conservation has many tools and resources to help you create a landscape that is not only water-efficient but also can be fire-smart. AND it's worth checking out to see if any elements of your fire-smart landscape projects could **qualify for a REBATE** (or two).



NEED SOME HELP WITH THAT?

Looking for a contractor that is knowledgeable about firescaping and/or vegetation management practices? OFSC has curated a **Directory of Firescaping / Veg Mgmt Services** – local landscapers, contractors, and other service providers who help Oakland residents protect their homes.



THERE'S A NEW (FIRESCAPING) BOOK IN TOWN...

"Living in fire-prone landscapes should not mean that you must scrape all vegetation hundreds of feet away from structures. This book will empower readers to evaluate fire risks on their own property and take simple, actionable steps to mitigate them" –
Firescaping Your Home: A Manual for Readiness in Wildfire Country by Adrienne Edwards and Rachel Schleiger.

RESCAPE FIRESCAPING QUALIFICATION TRAINING COURSE

Online. Dec. 5th & 6th. based on ReScape's 8 Principles for Regenerative Landscapes and establishes a more sustainable long-term approach to managing fire hazards beyond current vegetation management practices. **DETAILS**



RELATED HAPPENINGS AT CITY OF OAKLAND

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Comments are being taken for The City of Oakland's draft EIR of the Vegetation Management Plan [HERE](#)

WED., NOV. 1, 2023, 3:00pm The City of Oakland Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting on the Recirculated DEIR for the VMP. [PARTICIPATE](#)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Oakland's Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council (EMDPC) met Oct. 4th.

- Meeting [RECORDING](#)
- Meeting Packet [PDF](#)

"The purpose of the EMADPC is to recommend to the City Council emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements, and to propose ordinances and resolutions, rules and regulations to support the implementation of these plans.

Additionally, the Disaster Council is responsible for the development of the Emergency Operations Plan and evaluation of programs and resources for prioritization to meet preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities."

FIREFIGHTERS CAN'T DO IT ALONE

Live Burn Demo Shows Effectiveness of Homeowners Taking Wildfire Mitigation Actions

"Firefighters Can't Do It Alone..." California
Department of Insurance September 2023

Press Release

... AND OFSC CAN'T DO IT ALONE (We Need Your Help)

Early in 2022, OFSC helped the Klamath-Brunell neighborhood become **Oakland's FIRST Firewise USA® Site!** Helping our communities be prepared and ready for any disaster is a **crucial service that OFSC has provided**, and needs to continue doing so. We are seeking funding to help re-instate our works in the community safety such as:

- offering Firewise USA® support
- providing free workshops
- developing new wildfire safety programs
- nurturing connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

Your financial support would help us to continue on with these and other important, potentially life-saving endeavors. And should you have any **contacts with corporate and/or foundation sources** of grant funds and donations, we'd be grateful for any connections.

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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