

# Wildfire Safe Neighbors

Firesafe  
Landscapes &  
Broom Removal



## Know broom & get rid of it!



### *What is broom?*

- Broom is an evergreen shrub with clusters of yellow flowers which bloom in late spring.
- Broom plants were introduced in California around 1850 as ornamental plants in gardens. Later, when the California highway system developed, they were used to control erosion along road banks.
- Broom is an invasive plant. This means it came to California from another area (Europe) and now competes with native plants for dominance, and the broom is winning!

### *So what is the problem?*

The broom plant:

- Forms highly-flammable stands of brush.
- Grows as an aggressive, invasive plant.
- Creates ladder and ember fuel.
- Overwhelms neighborhood lots and byways.
- Endangers your home.

### *What alternative plants are there?*

Use native plants. For a complete listing, go to: [www.TheNet411.net](http://www.TheNet411.net)

# Doom the Broom at the right time!

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Cut/mow/bulldoze</b>												
<b>Pull</b>												
<b>Herbicide— Foliar (to leaves)</b>												
<b>Herbicide— Stump application</b>												
<b>WARNING: Seed is on plants</b>												

**Don't chip or haul from late May through September (it spreads seed)**

## Borrow a “weed wrench” and get the job done easier

A weed wrench is an extremely helpful tool for removing established weeds. As part of our campaign to remove broom in the area, the Butte Fire Safe Council has adopted a weed wrench lending program. Call us at 877-0984 for information.



**COST:** Free for current members (a \$30 minimum member donation to BCFSC within the past year).

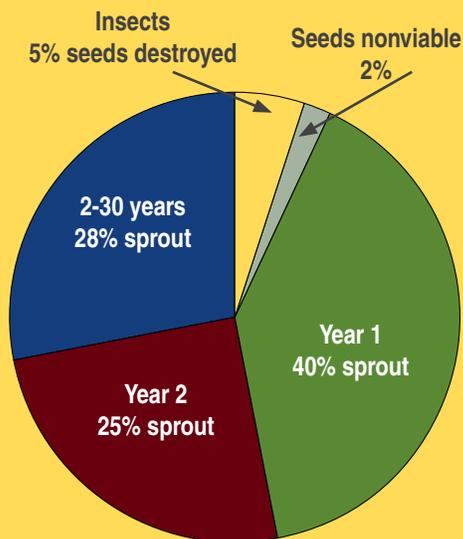
**QUANTITY:** Two weed wrenches may be borrowed at one time for individuals/families. Four weed wrenches may be borrowed at one time for community groups.

**LOAN PERIOD:** Two weeks maximum. Tools may be borrowed again if there is no one on the waiting list.

## Get rid of those broom seeds in the soil!

Keep at it, even after the first year; those seeds are tough and will germinate for years to come.

Here's what happens to seeds:



### Special thanks to BEEP

(Broom Education and Eradication Program), a Forest Ranch community action group formed in 2006 to control broom infestations in the community.



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For more info, call us at 530-877-0984

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