

# Wildfire Safe Neighbors NEWS



## Community chipper program: **Voices from the wildland**

### Information from BCFSC's Valerie Glass

Do you have fallen branches, overgrown brush and other vegetation that needs chipping?

Butte County Fire Safe Council's Chipper

Program is once again offering service to residents who are working on their wild-fire safety clearance.

The program offers an alternative to burning or hauling fire hazardous brush.

The Chipper Program is in its 11th year and anticipates offering service this season until May 15th—but don't wait to get your fire prevention work done!

To prepare brush and limbs for the Chipper Program:

1. Stack cut brush and limbs in a row within five feet of the road edge with the ends facing towards the road.
2. Rows should be stacked no more than four feet high.
3. Keep mud, rocks and roots out of the rows.
4. Locate the rows so the truck and chipper can easily access them, no off-road locations allowed.

**For more information and to make a reservation, contact Butte County Fire Safe Council at 877-0984.**



### Here's what folks are saying about the program

*"It's really, really great be able to use the chipper program. It keeps the air clean because we don't have to burn."*

*Irene, Cherokee*

*"I love the chipper program. I look forward to the chipper arriving. I'm able*



*to do more clearing knowing the chipper will be coming."*

*Linda, Berry Creek*

*"The chipper did a great service for me by eliminating the shrubbery that I would have had to haul off."*

*Anthony, Magalia*

*"I'm very happy to have chipper program. I try to use it as much as possible because it helps reduce burning."*

*Phil, Forest Ranch*

## Are you a member?

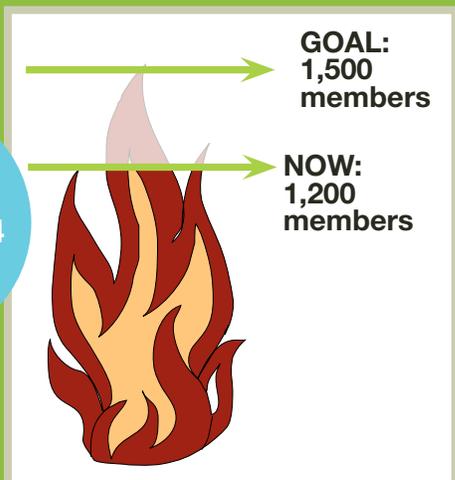
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# Look what we're doing-

<i>Project:</i>	<i>Accomplishments:</i>
Chipper for Defensible Space	Filled approximately 5,000 requests since 2001
Residents Assistance for Defensible Space	Provided 500 residents with defensible space through out Butte County
6th Grade "Wildfire in the Foothills" curriculum	Taught to 2,400 students in Paradise/Magalia
Homeowner's Guide to Firewise Landscaping	Publication available at <a href="http://www.thenet411.net">www.thenet411.net</a>
Evacuation Plans	Available for Yankee Hill, Paradise, Upper Ridge, Cohasset, Berry Creek, Feather Falls/Forbestown at <a href="http://www.thenet411.net">www.thenet411.net</a>
Emergency Radio Tower	Available in Upper Ridge, Berry Creek, Yankee Hill and Town of Paradise
Online Public Safety Scanner <a href="http://www.thenet411.net">www.thenet411.net</a>	15,000 hits annually
Wildfire Workshops	Hundreds of residents have attended these events
Shaded Fuel Breaks	Coutolenc Rd, Skyway, Dogtown Rd/Magalia, Lumpkin Rd/Feather Falls, Honey Run & Centerville/Butte Creek Canyon, Crown Point Rd/Forest Ranch, Lake Madrone/Berry Creek, Magalia Reservoir /Magalia, Dry Creek, Feather River W. Branch/Paradise
Weed Wrench Tools	12 tools to borrow for broom removal



The Butte County Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, public-benefit corporation formed in March of 1998.

Fires in Butte County cause irreparable damage and devastation to residents' lives and property and to wildlife habitat each year. Catastrophic wildfires throughout Butte County's history have burned 51,437 acres, destroyed 150 structures,

and resulted in three civilian fatalities.

For more information call 530/877-0984.

## *Mission*

At the Butte County Fire Safe Council we strive to reduce damage and devastation through our mission "to provide safety in Butte County through wildfire hazard education and mitigation."

The Butte County Fire Safe Council operates with a board of directors consisting of 17 residents representing community members and stakeholders from local, state, and federal agencies with a vested interest in wildfire preparedness and prevention.

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*“Welcome to the Foothills” includes information and local resources for firewise landscaping, wildfire preparedness, living with wildlife, septic care, conservation, native plants, watershed awareness, recycling and more.*



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*Wildfire Ready  
 Raccoon says:  
 "Chipper season is  
 here: are you ready  
 to reduce fire danger  
 at your home?"*



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 your council  
 is doing  
 county-wide**



**It's chipper season—**