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February 2022 Newsletter

Get the latest news on Mendocino County Fire Safe Council.

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Stay Up to Date with MCFSC

Sign up for a Chipper Day



Chipper days are back! MCFSC has received funding to continue the community chipper program.

[Click here](#) to sign up for the waitlist for day in your neighborhood
OR
contact Bobbie at admin@firesafemendocino.org to organize a day for your neighborhood.

Starting a Fuels-Reduction Project? Watch these Videos for Insights on Responsible Management

There are many perspectives on the "right way" to do fuels reduction. These MCFSC training videos provide perspectives from foresters, an arborist, and an indigenous expert on how to preserve environmental quality while reducing fire risk.

[Click Here to Watch on the MCFSC Website](#)

Article Spotlight: Lessons Learned from Talking to Very Smart People about Fire



Can fire be a key to uniting communities? The following article makes the case that coming to reconnect with fire is a way for us to reconnect with the natural landscape and with each other.

It's easy to feel burned out or overwhelmed when thinking about the immense scale of fire risk and management. Take a moment to reflect. How has fire acquainted you more intimately with the environment? Who have you met in your community because of it? Who inspires you with their passion and commitment to the work? Amanda Monthei invites us all to consider our journeys of learning & reconnecting with fire.

"We've come to realize that restoring the land is restoring the people, that there is a very tight connection between restoring the health of the land and the health of the people."
- Margo Robbin, Yurok Tribal Member

[Read the full article here.](#)

Neighborhood Fire Safe Council News

Is Your Home Prepared to Survive Wildfire?

Click below to access a guide prepared with the assistance of Jack Cohen, a former research scientist with the U.S. Forest Service who is a preeminent researcher on wildfire and home ignitions and a founder of the Firewise® Communities/USA recognition program. The guide provides a scoring system that will help improve your understanding of which factors make your home more vulnerable and prioritize improvements to better harden your home and help first responders defend your property.

Watch this space or visit our website for upcoming information about free home assessment opportunities coming this spring courtesy of a Community Foundation of Mendocino grant.

[Access the Guide Here](#)

Want even more info on home hardening? [Visit the MCFSC website here](#) to watch videos and read more about each element that makes your home vulnerable.

Fire Safety Micro-Grant are Due March 1st!

MCFSC is still accepting Micro-Grant applications from Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils and fire agencies until **March 1st, 2022**. Micro-Grants from \$2,000 to \$6,000 can help your group get work done, equipment purchased, or pay for any project that increases your fire safety. Visit our website for more information.

If you have questions about your project or submitting an application, please contact Emily Tecchio at emily@firesafemendocino.org.

Listen & Learn

"Life with Fire" Podcast, Episode 21: Homes as Fuel



Learn how to make smokeless burn piles with Susan Barger, with technical assistance from the Round Valley Branch of the Mendocino County Library.

[Click here](#) or on the image above to watch.

Upcoming Events



The Fourth (Mostly) Annual Homebrew Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Anderson Valley Brewing Company in Boonville. This Mendocino County Fire Safe Council fundraiser also has a concurrent Wildfire Safety Expo which will feature tons of information, service providers, and local first responders. There will be live music, kids' activities, and food available for purchase. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information and tickets!



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