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## July 2022 Newsletter

Fire season is here. Keep up to date with MCFSC in this month's newsletter.

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### "Focus on Flying Embers" - MCFSC Helps Homeowners Prepare for Wildfire with Home Assessment

Since April, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council has completed 25 Informal educational home evaluations to help residents prioritize which actions to take first to prepare for fire season. Residents of Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils in Cherry Creek, Comptche, Caspar, and other areas around the county have received personalized recommendations for home-hardening and defensible-space actions based on their home's unique situation.

Pulling from a variety of home-hardening and defensible-space resources, retired CAL FIRE Deputy Chief Norm Brown and MCFSC Executive Director Scott Cratty advise homeowners on priority projects and quick fixes. Here's a few actions you could take today:

- Clear your gutters and roof of all flammable debris
- Cover all vents, crawlspaces, or other openings into your home with wire mesh 1/8 of an inch or smaller
- Move your firewood pile at least 30 feet from your home and away from propane tanks, wooden fences that lead to your house, or other hazards
- Remove any dead vegetation from your landscaping, paying particular attention to the area 0-5 ft from your home

Home evaluations are organized as community events with a few evaluations scheduled in one area on the same day. Neighbors not participating are invited to attend to learn from the discussion. If you are interested in organizing an event for your neighborhood, you can contact our office at 707-462-3662 to check on availability. The current set of home inspections is funded by a grant from The Community Foundation of Mendocino with additional funding expected from CAL FIRE to make more evaluations available in the near future.



[Check out More Home-Hardening Activities Here](#)

### Article Spotlight: Application of Wildfire Mitigation to Insured Property Exposure



This study completed by the Center for Insurance Policy and Research, Risk Management Solutions, Inc., and the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety evaluates the cost-benefit of two major wildfire preparedness treatments - home hardening and vegetation management.

The changing wildfire regime across the West has created an insurance crisis across several states and increasingly, focus is settling on the best methods to reduce structure loss during wildfire. New catastrophe modeling helps identify effective locations and actions to protect structures and implements a cost-benefit analysis of risk reduction actions. This study assesses the economic effectiveness of two mitigation strategies modeled - structural mitigation and vegetation management.

"Firstly, we show that structural modifications can reduce wildfire risk up to 40%, and structural and vegetation modifications combined can reduce wildfire risk up to 75% ..."

[Access the full report here](#)

### More from MCFSC & Partners

#### Make Sure Your House is Easy to Locate in an Emergency - Order Your Reflective Address Sign Today



Emergency responders need to be able to locate your house under dark or smoky conditions. Not only will it keep you safe in an emergency but it's California Code to have your address marked by reflective signs, clearly visible from both directions. MCFSC has you covered - order your sign today for a donation of \$20 and pick it up in Ukiah. See the MCFSC website for details.

[Order a Sign](#)

### Join Tribal Eco-Restoration Alliance On-Call Good Fire Crew



TERA and the Lake County CAL-TREX are accepting applications for their Good Fire Crew to provide fire training exchange. Take advantage of this opportunity to earn your Fire Fighter Type 2 qualification, participate in multiple training opportunities, and help get good fire on the ground this winter. Registration is open to beginners, non-professionals, and fire professionals.

\$10 registration fee with stipends available for tribal members.

[Register Here](#)

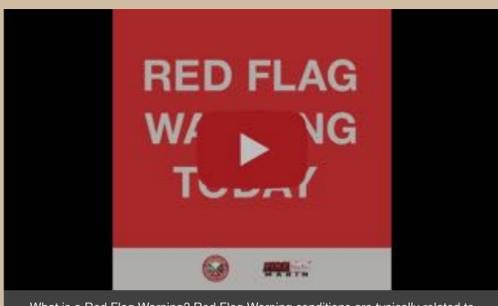
### Call for Landowners to Join the Mendocino County Co-op Aerial Fire Patrol

The Cooperative Aerial Fire Patrol (Co-op) is in its 73rd year of flight, and during that time has spotted close to 1,100 fires in Mendocino County. As the eye in the sky, and often first on the scene, they have been able to provide crucial information like exact location, fuel type, rate of spread and road access to first responders. This year PG&E has pulled their funding, leaving the Co-op Air Patrol, a 501(c)(3), in need of extra support from community members to keep up their important work. Check out their donation letter here.

[Read the Letter & Donate Here](#)

### Listen & Learn

#### The Get FireSmart Podcast – Preparation, Prevention, and Emergency with Darren Wilkinson



What is a Red Flag Warning? Red Flag Warning conditions are typically related to wind events lasting at least 8 hours. During these conditions vegetation is very dry, humidity is low, and no rain has occurred in the last 24 hours. The first thing you should do during a Red Flag Warning event is to review your Wildfire Evacuation Checklist.



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