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DOLLAR POINT FIREWISE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Green Waste Dumpster Event

WHEN: Friday, May 24th and Monday, May 27th

TIME: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm (PLEASE NO DUMPING before 8:00 am)

WHERE: Beach Parking Lot

Please bring your DPA ID Card with you for the Firewise volunteers to record your data.

This event is **GREEN WASTE ONLY!** Please try to reduce the use of plastic bags, if you can. Please wrap your debris in tarps or use garbage cans or collapsable yard waste containers. There will be reusable bags on-site that members can borrow to help reduce plastic bag waste.

As a reminder, there is **NO DUMPING** without DPA staff present. We know that lines can sometimes be long for this event, but please wait patiently as the staff is surely doing the best they can.

The event will end early if all the dumpsters are full prior to 2:00 pm end time. Firewise volunteers will advise you during each visit.

WHY DOLLAR POINT IS WORKING HARD IN 2024 TO BE AN EFFECTIVE FIRE-ADAPTED COMMUNITY HERE IN LAKE TAHOE:

The Tahoe Resource Conservation District, a member of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team, encourages homeowners and residents at Lake Tahoe to participate in the Tahoe Network of Fire-Adapted Communities Program. The initiative focuses on creating Fire-Adapted Communities through a multifaceted approach that includes physical measures like home hardening, defensible space, prevention, planning, education, and ultimately Firewise certification.

The Firewise USA recognition program, administered by the National Fire Protection Association, plays a crucial role in a national effort to ensure communities are well-prepared against the threat of wildfires. The program recognizes communities that demonstrate a commendable commitment to fire prevention and mitigation.

In 2024, congratulations are extended to the 32 neighborhoods within the Tahoe Basin that have received their Firewise USA recognition. Besides our Dollar Point Community's recognition, our neighbors at Agate Bay, Carnelian Woods Townhouse Association, Chinquapin HOA, Glenbrook Community, Granlibakken Property Owners Association, Homewood Homeowners Association, The Village at Incline HOA, and more are all on board with us creating Fire-Adapted Communities with our neighbors.

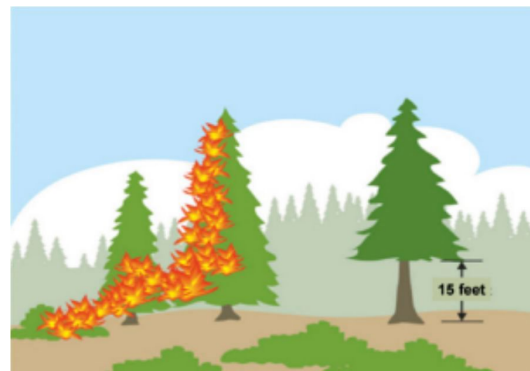
This is clearly critical to effective fire prevention and mitigation while empowering property owners to play a major role in changing the narrative around preventing property loss and increasing safety. The process also allows neighbors to enhance the health of their environment, build stronger community bonds, and potentially receive reduced fire insurance rates. To learn more, contact the Fire-Adapted Community Program, Tahoe Resource Conservation District via email at fire@tahoercd.org or by phone at (530) 543-1501 ext. 114.

FOCUS ON: THE MYTH of FIREWISE PLANTS...

Kevin Marini, a UC Master Gardener of Placer County and UC Defensible Space Educator, has written a telling and most informative article from this Spring's issue of THE CURIOUS GARDNER about the myth of Firewise plants. [The article](#) discusses the all-important-to-know Ember Ignition Zone concept in the overall Defensible Space Landscape Zone.



He cites the crucial differentiation between Firewise Plant Lists and Plant Flammability Lists because **ALL PLANTS BURN!** There are no fireproof plants! The article drives home the point that special types of plants aren't the answer...we need to work on creating vegetation-free Ember Ignition Zones.



It is a great read and there are good references for the Dollar Point Community to be aware of as we approach our next Firewise Season.

THANK YOU, DOLLAR POINT COMMUNITY, FOR STAYING FIREWISE!