



What's in this Newsletter?

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Dumpster Day Monday, May 25, 2020 FREE

Drop off from 8 am until 4 pm at beach parking lot.

Green Waste only, pine needles, pine cones, branches and shrubs.

Be respectful, wear masks and gloves and keep social distance!

Walk around your property with this check list!

Defensible Space Checklist

- Make street address easily visible from street. **Make sure it contrasts with the background with 5 or 6" numbers**
- Rake and remove pine needles **30 feet** from the house or property line
- Remove accumulated pine needles from roof
- Cut grasses and manzanita bushes. They must be at **least 5 feet** apart!
- Clear debris- slash and needle piles, construction debris, and flammable storage from around the structure

- Limb **adult** trees up a minimum of **ten feet** from the ground, smaller trees up the bottom third of tree height
- Remove dead tree limbs touching or overhanging roofs and decks
- Remove all tree limbs a minimum of ten feet from chimneys and stovepipes
- Remove all dead and dying trees from the property
- Clear all debris on and under porches and decks
- All firewood must be completely covered by an ember resistant fire cover (purchasable at Ace Hardware/True Value/Online)
- Non Combustible Space at least **five feet wide** around the base of your home using irrigated plants such as flowers, lawn, ground cover **or** hard surfaces such as gravel, pavers, brick, and rocks. KEEP THIS AREA FREE OF woodpiles, wood mulch, pine needles/cones, flammable shrubs (native non-irrigated vegetation)

Identify Your Home's Ember Vulnerabilities

Did you know embers are the leading cause of wildfire-related home ignitions?

Embers are small pieces of burning material that can travel by wind and cause spot fires. During a wildfire, embers can travel over a mile ahead of a flame front. Thousands of embers can rain down on your home, and if they come in contact with flammable materials, your home could ignite.

"Home hardening" is the process of preparing your home for wildfire embers by addressing the most vulnerable components and retrofitting them with fire-resistant building materials.

By taking 15 minutes to walk around your home, you can identify its ember vulnerabilities to prepare for and plan home hardening.

Walk Around Your Home

Start outside your home and inspect:

- Fences, decks, exterior siding and eaves
- Five-foot non-combustible zone (the first five feet around your home)
- Roof, including gutters and chimneys
- Entry points such as windows, skylights, and vents

When walking around your home, take note of combustible materials such as wood; locations where embers could enter your home; and areas where flammable debris, such as pine needles or leaf litter, could collect.

Things to look out for:

Fences

- Combustible fencing material within 5 feet of your home

Decks

- Flammable material (such as firewood) underneath, on, or next to your deck

Exterior Siding

- Flammable siding material such as wood boards, panels, or shingles
- Flammable material within the first 6 inches between the ground and the start of the siding

Eaves

- Open or exposed eaves that could allow ember entry

Five-Foot Non-Combustible Zone

- Flammable landscaping such as Manzanita or wood / rubber mulches
- Debris such as pine needles, leaves or twigs

Roof

- Flammable material such as wood-shake or shingle
- Debris such as pine needles, leaves or twigs

Gutters

- Debris such as pine needles, leaves or twigs

Chimneys

- Chimneys without a mesh screen or covering

Windows & Skylights

- Single-pane windows that could easily break from heat exposure

Vents

- Mesh screens larger than 1/8
- Gaps that could allow ember entry

❑ Debris such as pine needles, leaves or twigs gathering around skylights

This is a list of people who do defensible space clearing. If you do not have regular landscaping and maintenance or are not going to do it yourself, here are some names you could call. Please make sure you get an estimate before they start the work.

Mauro Esquibel – (951)376-0527 | mauroesquibel17@gmail.com

Rollston Gardening & Landscape – (530)581-1540

Torres Landscaping [Mario Torres] – (530)412-4570

Greenscapes [Matthew and Christine] – (530)448-1350



Is this Manzanita fire safe? I don't think so! It should be cut to just above your knee, if not lower, and leaf-free near the ground!

Fire Hydrants Volunteers needed in July

I'm Debra Szidon, a resident of Dollar Point and a supporter of the Dollar Point [Firewise](#) program. I've taken on the Firewise criteria to re-paint fire hydrants in our neighborhood to make them more visible to **emergency crews**. There are 49 **hydrants** in our area and ALL of them **need new paint**. I will be asking for volunteers, 10 adults and a least 40 children to help out the weekend of July 11+12th to repaint the hydrants. Ten groups (1 adult and 2 children per group) will prep and paint 5 hydrants over a two day period.

Please mark the weekend of **July 11+ 12** on your calendar All supply costs will be covered by Dollar Point Association and there will be a pizza party Sunday to celebrate our commitment to fire safety in our area.

Here is the DOLLAR POINT HYDRANT MAP for your review. Extreme wildfire conditions and loss of life and property are increasing **Please call or email NOW -Volunteer for this Project! We Need Your Help!**

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Dollar Point Fire Hydrant Map



There are a total of 49 fire hydrants within Dollar Point! This is why we need community support.

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