The Wildfire Round-up

Monthly meeting,
Third Weds. of the month,
7 - 8:30 p.m. @ Pioneer Park,
6740 Fairplay Road, Somerset

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Ready, Set, Go!!!

EDC Chipper Program
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Visible home address signs
Ember Attack

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NOTE : Next issue will be available via email or on the AFFSC website only. Be sure to sign-up for the next quarterly issue!!

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Be Ready: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.

- Defensible Space
- Hardening your home
- Fire resistant landscaping

Be Ready to GO!: Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

- Pre-evacuation preparation steps
- Power outage information
- Evacuation Steps
- Animal Evacuation
- What do I do if trapped

Be Ready to GO!

The Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council proudly announced the approval of their Firewise USA Application. The Council was welcomed by the Firewise USA Team to the growing number of Firewise Sites where residents throughout the nation are working to reduce their wildfire risks.

Ken Pimlott, Risk Assessment Chair of the Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council, led the team effort carried out by the committee. Active members of the committee are: Janet Barentson, Ed Matwich, Greg LaDeaux, Sandra Perez Schwartz, Richard Carlson, Dean Martucci, and John Hess.

The Firewise USA designation, which is important for future grant submittals, and may be accepted by some insurance companies for homeowner’s insurance discounts.
El Dorado County Chipper Program

The EDCFSC has received grant funds to provide chipping services for neighborhoods and individual homeowners on the West Slope of El Dorado County who are willing to work to make their property fire safe. Please read the instructions below before submitting your “Request for Chipping”.

Please note the following changes from previous years:

1. This program is only available on the western slope of El Dorado County. The Tahoe Basin has other programs and is excluded.
2. Program is limited to one visit per calendar year per address.
3. Program is limited to 6 hours of chipping per address on one visit.
4. Must request ONLINE at www.edcfiresafe.org/programs…We can help you if you have difficulty with the form. (530) 647-1700

CODE RED

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office-Office of Emergency Services Alert Notification System provides a number of ways in which the county may contact the community in the event of an emergency such as: evacuations due to wildfires or hazardous material spills, or urgent law enforcement operations. The El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services partnered with CodeRED emergency notification service to alert residents and businesses by phone, text message, email and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents. There are other CODE RED sites, so be sure to register with El Dorado County: https://ready.edso.org. You must be registered to make any changes to your contact information.

Outdoor Burning

In El Dorado County, outdoor burning is limited to the burning of dry vegetation, originating from the property on which it is burned. It is illegal to burn lumber and garbage. The "Burn Day / No Burn Day" requirements only apply to outdoor burning in El Dorado County. If your burn pile exceeds 4 feet by 4 feet, a free Burn Permit is required from the Air District. A burn permit may also be required by your local fire agency or CalFIRE. There are no restrictions on burning in fireplaces, woodstoves, and pellet stoves within El Dorado County. Please burn only dry seasoned firewood or pellets. BURN BARRELS ARE PROHIBITED.

BURN DAY HOTLINE
530-621-5897

Air Quality Management District
330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-7501

Cal Fire / Amador-El Dorado Unit
2840 Mt. Danaher Rd, Camino, CA 95709
530-644-2345

Burn permits are available at Pioneer Station 38, any Cal Fire station and El Dorado County Fire.

EDC website for permits for large piles: https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit
El Dorado County Vegetation Management

Fire season is now a year-round reality in El Dorado County and its surrounding areas. The tragic Camp Fire is but the latest example of the devastation from a wildfire out of control. But did you know:

- 15 of the largest 20 fires in California history have happened since 2000.
- Since 2007, El Dorado County has seen major fires that have destroyed structures, including the Angora and King fires, not to mention numerous small wildfires in communities throughout the County.

With the surge in fire activity, we know we need to increase prevention measures that could help decrease fire danger in El Dorado County communities.

The County will begin defensible space inspections in areas identified as the County Emphasis Areas (CEA) beginning in June 2020.

In February 2020, the County identified two (2) CEAs to conduct defensible space inspections. They are working together with the communities to assist.

- Johtown/Garden Park area in Garden Valley
- Sly Park area in Pollock Pines

Where is your home vulnerable to ember attack?

During a wildfire, thousands of embers can rain down on your roof and pelt the side of your home like hail during a storm. If these embers become lodged in something easily ignited on or near your house, the home will be in jeopardy of burning. Embers coming into contact with flammable material is the major reason why homes are destroyed during wildfire. Common materials that become embers during wildfire include pine cones, branches, tree bark, leaves, pine needles and wooden shingles. Depending on fire intensity, wind speed, and the size of materials that are burning, embers can be carried more than a mile ahead of the fire. By being ember aware and taking action ahead of time, a homeowner can substantially reduce the ember threat. Your home CAN survive when the embers arrive.

Pioneer Fire Protection District

MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS CAN BE SEEN BY EMERGENCY CREWS

Purchase an address sign today from the Pioneer Fire Protection District that complies with California Building Code 15.12.020 which is highly visible 4 inch numbers.

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL SIGNS AVAILABLE

Single Sided—$20  Double Sided—$25

For more information call the Pioneer Fire Protection District at (530) 620-4444
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**OUR MISSION:** Mitigate loss of life and property from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through community education, mobilization and action.