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The AFFSC was nationally recognized in January as a Firewise Community by the National Fire Protection Association’s Firewise USA Program. This recognition is based upon AFFSC meeting and exceeding the minimum program requirements, including completion of a risk assessment, hosting community education events, investing at least $25.43 (not cash but satisfied by resident time creating defensible space documented on a time sheet) in fire prevention activities per occupied parcel and preparing an action plan. To maintain our Firewise certification each year, AAFSC must annually complete $25.43 in fire prevention activities per occupied parcel, a community education event and a vegetation management activity. The information needed to document our investment in these activities comes directly from the timesheets completed by community and council members tracking hours worked each month on defensible space, attending meetings and participating in other fire prevention related activities.

The Cedar Creek Neighborhood was not incorporated into the AFFSC until this Spring and therefore was not included as part of the original Firewise USA application. Members of the Risk Assessment Committee have since completed the required field evaluation of structures in Cedar Creek and are preparing an updated Risk Assessment for review by the AFFSC Board of Directors. The Cedar Creek Neighborhood will be included in the Firewise USA renewal application being prepared for submittal prior to January, 2021.

Earning a Firewise USA designation is a clear demonstration of the hard work and commitment by community members to help make our neighborhoods more fire safe. We should all be proud of this accomplishment and continue these critical activities to maintain our Firewise designation into the future.

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. Be sure to register a personal account on CodeRed so you can change contact information in the future.
Ready, Set, GO!

GO! EVACUATION GUIDE
Give your household the best chance of surviving a wildfire by being ready to go and evacuating early. Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped.

Remember—Before evacuation is necessary, follow these steps before it’s time to GO!

1. Create a Wildfire Action Plan for your family. Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped.

2. Complete the pre-evacuation preparation steps (only if time allows) to increase your home’s defense.

3. Make sure you monitor wildfires in your area and know your community’s emergency response plan, evacuation orders and evacuation centers.

When immediate evacuation is necessary, follow these steps as soon as possible to get ready to GO!

1. Review your Evacuation Plan Checklist.

2. Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit/Evacuation Bag is in your vehicle.

3. Cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is preferable.

Locate your pets and take them with you.

Go Early!

Outdoor Burning

NO BURNING OF ANY KIND—NOW!!

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 online at burnpermit.fir.ca.gov during Covid, for piles smaller than 4x4.

EDC website for permits for large piles: https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit
The Defensible Space Committee of the AFFSC has several Calfire Certified evaluators available. We will come to your property with the Calfire checklist and let you know how well your property complies with Calfire requirements. We have had people who were able to improve their properties just before an insurance company inspection and passed. The evaluation is FREE, entirely advisory in nature and we don't share the details with authorities. We do let the authorities know how many evaluations we have done in which neighborhoods, so they can concentrate their efforts elsewhere. If you would like an evaluation, email your address, email, and phone number to shenandoah@affsc.org, or get on the AFFSC website (affsc.org) and go to the evaluation page.

**Get a Defensible Space Evaluation**

**THE CHIPPING PROGRAM IS SUSPENDED**

May 12, 2020: This morning the executive board of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council made the difficult decision to suspend the chipping program. No new applications will be accepted. Applications that have a job number assigned will be completed. The program is currently funded by a grant from CAL FIRE and the grant dollars have been nearly depleted. The homeowner insurance crisis, El Dorado County Vegetation ordinance and the COVID-19 stay at home order have contributed to an unprecedented increase in demand for the program. Our all-volunteer staff are aggressively seeking additional funding sources from our collaborators and will reopen the program as soon as additional funding is secured.

https://www.edcfiresafe.org/

**Fire Dept. approved signs available**

If you don't yet have a Fire Dept approved address sign for your residence, we can provide one. These are the green signs with 4" high reflective numbers, which are more visible in dark or smoky conditions, so emergency vehicles don't waste time getting to your location. Cost is $20 for single sided, or $25 for two sided. Pioneer Fire also sells these but encouraged the AFFSC to sell them since they are busy with other things. This is an AFFSC fundraiser. If you are interested, send an email to shenandoah@affsc.org, or got to the AFFSC website (affsc.org).
Fire Prevention Week 2020

The National Fire Protection Association has announced the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2020 is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen.” Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the U.S. Use the week of October 4-10 to educate your community on cooking hazards, the dangers of unattended cooking, and precautions they can take to prevent cooking-related fires.

2020 Campaign
This year’s FPW campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

Did you know?
Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

Recipe for safety
Before you serve a meal, it’s essential to serve up fire safety in the kitchen. There’s nothing like spending time in the kitchen cooking a delicious meal for family and friends or an appetizing treat for yourself. But do you know the important steps to take long before anyone takes the first bite?

Importance of fire prevention
In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn’t just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week™ to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

On this site, you’ll find loads of educational resources to make sure that every person knows what to do in case of a fire. We have everything from apps to videos to printables and much more, to make sure you have the resources you need to keep your family, your community, and your city safe.

For more information go to https://www.nfpa.org/FPW