05-06-17, Free and Cost Sharing Fire Safety Compliance Programs for you!

Pinebrook Property Owners,

There are programs available now that can help pay for or be completely free to aid you in making your property “Fire Safety Compliant”. Here are the application and information attachments for three programs (these are time sensitive, first come, first serve, and only last as long as the grants have funding left in them. These are county wide programs brought to you by the Calaveras Fire Safety Council organization.

1. Tree Mortality Cost Share Program

. $350/tree refund to you with a 6 tree maximum per property
. For trees > than 18” in diameter
. Trees within 200’ of a habitable structure (could be a neighbor’s)
. Not for PG&E tree removal – pursue that program with PG&E
. No restrictions except timing, apply before 5/22/2017
. See Attached Mortality Application for Info and Process details below

2. Chipping on your lot Program (Free)

. For branches, bark, small trees
. You or someone pile it and cut to specifications
. Chips will be blown back on your property either in a pile or broadcast (you choose)
. No restrictions except for type of debris, where piled, cut to length, and placed as per instructions.
. See Attached Application and Information below

3. Senior and Disabled Person Free Lot Cleaning

. Over 60 years of age or disabled
. There must be a residence on the property
. Except for roof cleaning, property will meet 100’ requirements
. See Attached Application and Information below

1. Tree Mortality Removal Cost Share Program

Calaveras County Tree Mortality Removal Cost Share Program

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The Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council is a non-profit organization, who's mission is to create a more fire safe County through fuels reduction projects and education. The Tree Mortality Removal Cost Share Program creates assistance for homeowners to remove trees stricken by drought or pests. Funding has been provided through grants from the CALFIRE SRA Tree Mortality Fund Grant Program.



The Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council (CFFSC) is grateful for CALFIRE's generous contribution to this program. For more information on our Fire Safe Council please visit our website at www.caiaverasfiresafecouncil.org

DO'S

- **After receiving an approval letter, hire a licensed tree professional.**
- **Ensure that trees are within 200' of a habitable structure.**
- **Ensure trees are larger than 18" in diameter 54 inches from ground.**
- **Ensure that trees are dropped, limbed, and the slash chipped or removed. All material 6" or less in diameter must be chipped or removed.**
- **Maximum 6 trees at $350 per tree will be reimbursed.**
- **Ensure that before and after pictures are taken of trees.**
- **Please mail this form via U.S. Mail.**

DONT'S

- **Don't perform any work under this grant until you have received an approval letter. Any work performed before approval will not be subject to reimbursement.**
- **Don't attempt tree work on your own unless you are a licensed tree professional.**

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STEP 1 OF 4

1. Complete this application form below.

2. **Applications will be accepted until 5/22/2017, after 5/22/2017 applicants will be drawn at random if there are more applicants than money available.**

3. With your application form provide pictures of your dead standing trees for which you are requesting cost share reimbursement.

4. Make every attempt to show residence proximity to these trees in your photos. (You may submit multiple photos)

5. Approved applicants will be notified with further instructions.

STEP 2 OF 4

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Nearest Cross Street: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

Driving Directions: Please details and or a map: _____

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STEP 3 OF 4

Tree Information

Total number of trees (up to 6): _____
(Will not be reimbursed for trees in excess of amount listed)

Tree must be a minimum of
18" in diameter or 56" circumference at 54" above ground level.

STEP 4 OF 4

By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. *I agree not to start work until approved in writing.*
2. *I agree to provide before work pictures with application.*
3. *I agree that the trees I am seeking cost share reimbursement for are situated on my property and are within 200' from a residence.*
4. *Trees must be a minimum of 18" diameter or 56" circumference at 54" above ground level.*
5. *Ensure that trees are dropped, limbed and all materials 6" or less must be chipped or removed.*
5. *I understand that the trees applied for can not be eligible for C.D.A.A., S.R.A or PG&E Tree removal programs for can not be eligible for any other funding source.*
6. *I understand that I WILL NOT be called prior to a site visit.*
7. *Only Calaveras County Properties are elligible.*
8. *I agree that by not following ALL the instructions I will not be eligible for reimbursement.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The CFFSC reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

2. Chipping on your lot Program (Free)

Door to Door
Chipping Program

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The Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council (CFFSC) is grateful for PG&E's generous contribution to the Door to Door Chipper Program. For more information on our Fire Safe Council please visit our website at calaverasfiresafecouncil.org

DO'S

- **Create defensible space up to 100 feet from structures and 30 feet from access roads**
- **Cut ends must face the same direction, and pointing out towards the road or driveway**
- **Locate piles on level ground or uphill side of road** *(not downhill or in a ditch)*
- **The piles must be within 5' of a road**
- **Overall height of the pile should not exceed 4 feet**
- **Each individual piece must be less than 8" in diameter and no shorter than 3 feet (longer is better)**
- **Please complete the back side of this form when all piles are accurately stacked and ready to be chipped**
- **You may mail or email this form**

DONT'S

- **Piles must be free of all roots/stumps and dirt**
- **Piles must be free of scotch broom**
- **Piles must be free of all non-vegetative materials**
- **Piles must be free of poison oak**
- **Piles must be free of blackberries**
- **Piles must be free of vines**
- **Not able to chip piles of leaves, pine needles, and yard clippings**

STEPS | 1 THROUGH 5 ON REVERSE SIDE

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Door to Door *Chipping Program*

STEP 1 OF 5

1. Complete piles of vegetation to be chipped by following the guidelines set above.

2. Complete the CFFSC's application for Chipping services.

3. CFFSCs contractor will contact you directly for scheduling. Do not contact the CFFSC for questions regarding scheduling.

4. Chipping will be scheduled when there are enough applications in your are to be feasible.

! Remember no Pine Needles or Vines

STEP 2 OF 5

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Nearest Cross Street: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

Are you a property owner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, state name: _____

Driving Directions: Please provide details and or a map: _____

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STEP 3 OF 5

Chipping Information

Total number of piles: _____
(contractor will not chip in excess of amount listed)

Average Pile Size: Width *(front to back)*: _____

Length *(side to side)*: _____

Height *(top to bottom)*: _____ *(not to exceed 4 feet)*

Where is the material?:

☐ Driveway ☐ County Road ☐ Private Road

Are there any special precautions to take on the property? _____

_____

! PLEASE NOTE: Piles must be established along roadways or driveways.

STEP 4 OF 5

Answers to the following questions are required to obtain funding for chipping service:

What would you do with this material if this chipping program were not available?

☐ Burn It

☐ Take to Transfer Station / Miles _____ *(round-trip)*

☐ Leave on Property

☐ Rent a Chipper

How many hours did it take to prep the piles?

_____

Did you hire someone to cut and stack materials for you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, how much did it cost? _____

STEP 5 OF 5

By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. *I agree to admit the **CFFSC** private contractor onto my property.*
2. *I agree to have the material chipped back onto my property.*
3. *I understand that the contractor has final authority in determining if piles are suitable for chipping.*
4. *I understand that if the pile is not prepared to our specifications, it will not be chipped.*
5. *I understand that the contractor makes final scheduling decisions.*
6. *I agree to comply with the contractor's decision where to place the chips, as safety is their number one concern.*
7. *I understand that the **CFFSC** is not obligated to perform this service and the **CFFSC** is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for the negligent performance of this service.*
8. *I understand that I WILL NOT be called the day my piles are to be chipped.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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3. Senior and Disabled Person Free Lot Cleaning

Senior and Disabled Persons Defensible Space Program 2017 Instructions

The Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council has received grant funds from PG&E to provide no cost fuel reduction and removal for defensible space for neighborhoods willing to work together to be fire safe. To be eligible for this program, applicants must meet the criteria as a senior or disabled person. Your applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Due to the popularity of this project funds traditionally run out very quickly.

All you need to do is complete the items below.

1. We require participants to have a residence on the property.

2. Due to the popularity of this project, the Fire Safe Council will work a maximum of two days on your property in a six month period.

3. The Fire Safe Council requires an Application Form (FSC-1) and Disability Self Certification Form (FSC-2) to be submitted before an inspection will be completed on your property. **Persons who meet the age requirement of 60 or above but are not disabled will not have to fill out (FSC-2).** Please complete and mail the attached forms.

4. The Fire Safe Council requires a Hold Harmless Agreement be signed before any work will be started on your property. This form will be provided to you upon approval of your application.

Once you have met the necessary requirements listed above and completed the attachments, please mail forms to:

Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council
P.O. Box 812
Murphys, CA 95247

Once your application has been received you will be contacted and scheduled. Call (209) 728-8785 if you have any questions.

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Senior and Disabled Persons Assistance Program
Application Form (FSC-1)

Name:_____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____

Personal Information:

How large is your property? _____ (acres) Number of Occupants: _____

Age: _____

Relate your concern regarding wildfire _____ (scale of 1-10, 10 being the highest)

How did you hear about this program? _____

Describe the work that needs to be done:

_____ I have heavy brush growing around my home and need assistance clearing brush 100 feet around my home.

_____ I have small trees around my home and need assistance thinning them.

_____ I have tall grasses growing around my home and need assistance cutting them.

_____ I have large accumulations of leaves/needles that need to be removed from the 100 feet around my home.

Other: _____

_____

I certify that this information is true and correct, that I am over 60 or disabled, cannot physically do brush clearing or do not have the financial means to hire a contractor to create the required defensible space around my home.

Signature:_____ Date: _____

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Senior and Disabled Persons Assistance Program
Disability Self Certification Form (FSC-2)

Funding for this Senior and Disabled Persons Assistance Program has been obtained through grant programs awarded to the Fire Safe Council by PG&E. Applicants must meet the criteria for seniors or disabled persons. **(All information will be held confidential.)**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Age: _____

Are you physically unable to hire a contractor or clear a defensible space independently? Yes ____ No ____

If you are a disabled person please attach a doctor's letter stating that you are unable to physically perform the work required to clear defensible space or certify that you have a DMV Blue "Disabled Person Parking Placard".

DMV Placard No. _____

I certify the above information is correct and that I understand that the information is subject to verification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Hold Harmless Agreement for the 2017 Seniors and Disabled Persons and Defensible Space Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I give my commitment to participate with the Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council (CFFSC) in the 2017 Seniors and Disabled Persons Defensible Space Program. I will participate freely in the project. I consent to fuel reduction work being undertaken on my land.

Landowner will hold harmless the CFFSC and any other entity involved in this project in connection with any loss or liability or injury to persons or property that arise from performance of work under this agreement. CFFSC will hold harmless the Landowner (and any contracting entity in this project) in connection with any loss or liability or injury to persons or property that arise from performance of work under this agreement. Work crews will have liability insurance (provided by CFFSC or contracting entity) for work on Landowner's property.

The term of this agreement shall be for _____ (dates). Within the dates specified, the CFFSC shall give the landowner reasonable actual notice of at least two weeks in advance and any necessary arrangements will be made prior to each requested access. Reasonable and actual notice may be given by mail, in person, or by telephone. This agreement can be amended only by prior written notification of either party executing this agreement.

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

I will participate in this project in the following ways:

I will allow fuel reduction activities to take place on my property. I will assist in educational efforts to teach my neighbors and other community members about the benefits of fuels reduction work on our properties.

_____ _____

NAME (Landowner) DATE

On behalf of the Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council, we thank you for your participation in the 2017 Seniors, Disabled Persons Defensible Space Program.

_____ _____

NAME (CCFSC Representative) DATE

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