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FREE CHIPPER CREW

Many of us have downed tree limbs on our property from the recent storms, or from clearing and general maintenance. The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council has a crew that will come to your address and turn your woody debris into useful mulch (or haul the chips away if you prefer). Way preferable to burning! SIGN UP NOW to be notified when the chipper crew will be in our neighborhood. The more properties registered (within a 10 mile radius), the easier it will be to arrange a chipper day in the area. <https://www.chipperday.com/mendocino>

Read the instructions on their website and build your piles appropriately. <https://firesafemendocino.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-Chipper-Pile-Guidelines.pdf>

OTHER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL SERVICES

Low income seniors and disabled residents may qualify for the Defensible Space Assistance for Income Eligible program. If you are physically and financially unable to maintain the state-mandated 100' of defensible space around your home, the DSAFIE program can provide FREE help including: Brush and tree trimming/thinning/chipping, roof and gutter cleaning, raking off dead leaves and pine needles. All work performed by insured contractors. <https://firesafemendocino.org/dsafie/>

Check out the Fire Safe Council's website for comprehensive information on emergency preparedness. They offer a one-stop guide, including how to sign up for Mendo County alerts, prepare a go-back, do a home risk assessment, and detailed recommendations on home hardening <https://firesafemendocino.org/preparing-for-wildfire/>

When you need emergency services, will firefighters and EMTs be able to locate you quickly? For a donation of \$20, the MCFSC will make you a two-sided, reflective address sign. <https://firesafemendocino.org/product/reflective-signs/>
For local residents only - email your full name and street address to CasparPrepared@gmail.com, and we can arrange to pick up your prepaid sign in Ukiah, and/or help with installation.

FUEL BREAKS PROPOSED IN JACKSON STATE FOREST

If your property is near Jackson State Demonstration Forest, you should be aware that Cal Fire is proposing to cut strategic fuel breaks, and would like to coordinate with adjacent property holders re extending fuel breaks beyond its borders. Contact JDSE@fire.ca.gov for more information.

Feel free to email CasparPrepared@gmail.com for questions/discussion/details on any of the above.