

# WILDFIRES CAN OCCUR ANYTIME

Let's Work Together To Assure Your Property & Loved Ones Are Fire Safe!

Below Is What the Fire Department & Your Wildfire Prevention District Suggest You And Your Neighbors Should Do Each Month For Fire Safety & Protection:

## JANUARY

- Begin chipping
- Start pulling broom & pampas grass seedlings
- Plan your fire safe landscaping

## FEBRUARY

- Continue pruning & chipping brush
- Review your structure's exposure to embers

Free chipping service 238-7388

## MARCH

- Pull thistles & flowering broom
- Prune trees

WPD begins roadside clearing & goat grazing

## APRIL

- Clear under decks, stairs, porches, eaves, overhangs & around windows
- Clear debris from gutters & vents
- Screen vents with mesh

Earth Day

## MAY

- Clear weeds & grasses cut to 6" or less
- Attach exterior hoses

## JUNE

- Cut or remove limbs from trees to at least 6' from the ground
- Clear hazardous vegetation from around your property
- Prune & chip shrubs

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## JULY

- Clear any remaining flammable materials from around your property
- Prevent fires from cigarettes, BBQ's or vehicle catalytic converters
- Cut trees & large shrubs minimum 6' from the ground
- Chip cuttings from limbs & shrubs

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## AUGUST

- Remove dead & extra plant litter from your property
- Avoid weed eaters with metal blades due to risk of fire caused by sparks

## SEPTEMBER

- Clean roof & gutters of debris
- Keep defensible space watered

Creek To Bay Day - 3rd Saturday

## OCTOBER

- Close windows when you leave your house on Red Flag Days
- Inspect & clean chimney & fireplace

Fire Storm Anniversary:  
October 21, 1991

## NOVEMBER

- Plan fire safe landscaping
- Planting season begins
- Complete unfinished tasks

## DECEMBER

- Make sure Christmas trees are watered
- Inspect your chimney
  - Spark arresters are required for all chimneys in Oakland

Enjoy happy & safe holidays!

YOUR ASSESSMENT DOLLARS PROVIDE FOR: • Vegetation Management Projects • Property Inspections • Chipping & Green Debris Removal • Public Education & Outreach • Customer Service & Compliance Support • Hotline 510.238-7388

Monthly meetings of the WPD Citizens' Advisory Committee are held at Trudeau Training Center, 11500 Skyline Boulevard. All are welcome.

A more detailed monthly fire safety activity list and other fire safe tips can be found at: [www.OaklandWPD.org](http://www.OaklandWPD.org)



## Dear Residents of the Wildfire Prevention District,

We want you to know about new and existing critical guidelines for keeping your home and neighborhood safe from wildland fires.

**Protection from flying and burning embers is crucial for your home's survival.** We learned from the '91 Oakland Firestorm, the recent Southern California and Tahoe fires that defensible space is vital. Landscape planning and home and garden maintenance are also essential components of home fire prevention.

Your Wildfire Prevention District is pleased to provide you with training materials and resources to help you to do your part and encourage your neighbors' participation. We're not safe until everyone is working in partnership to protect lives and property.

Please join us at the monthly meetings of the Wildfire Prevention District Citizens' Advisory Committee held at the Trudeau Training Center on Skyline Boulevard near Redwood Road. Check the website for schedule, meeting minutes, and agendas: [www.OaklandWPD.org](http://www.OaklandWPD.org)

**From your Citizens' Advisory Committee**

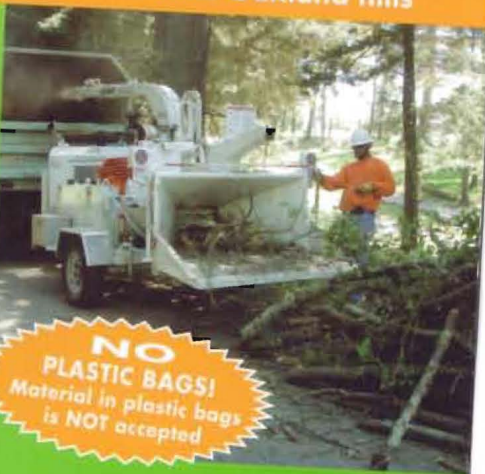


## FREE Curbside Tree & Brush Chipping Service

To prevent and reduce fire hazards in the Oakland hills

Homeowners and vacant lot owners in the Oakland Wildfire Prevention District may schedule free tree & brush chipping services by:

- Calling in advance to schedule your free service
- Leaving branches no greater than 4 inches in diameter
- Stacking branches in piles that are 4' x 4'



**NO PLASTIC BAGS!**  
Material in plastic bags is NOT accepted

Call Wildfire Prevention District ~ Oakland Fire Department  
**510.238-7388**