TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

MARIIN COUNTY IS NEAR RECORD DRY FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, WHICH MEANS FIRE SEASON IS UPON US SOON. SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE DISTRICT AND MILL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PERFORMING DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS STARTING MAY 1ST. BASED ON MORE EXTREME FIRE INCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS, WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO DO MORE THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

TOGETHER, WE WILL WORK TO PROTECT HOMES AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

CUT DRY GRASS AND BRUSH
Cut your dry grass and brush back 10 ft from roads, driveways, and your neighbor’s property line, 30 ft from your home, and up to 150 ft if your home is affected by steep slopes.

TRIM BACK BRANCHES
Remove branches that are smaller than three inches in diameter that are within 10 ft of the structure’s roof or chimney.

CLEAR OUT DEAD DEBRIS
Clean out any build-up of dead leaves or pine needles from gutters, decks, roofs, and exterior stairways. Maintain the clearing throughout wildfire season.

REMOVE DEAD VEGETATION
Remove all dead vegetation from the property, including leaves and tree droppings, grasses, bushes, shrubs, and trees. Please remove dead vegetation build up from within bushes, shrubs, and trees.

LIMB UP TREES
Limb up trees by cutting low hanging branches 10 ft from the ground and cutting branches from other trees and shrubs to create adequate spacing.

MAKE YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE
Ensure your address numbers are clearly visible from the road. Placards should be contrasting color, with bright, reflective font. To order a placard, please visit www.smfd.org.

LEARN MORE WAYS TO PREPARE
SMFD.ORG/PREPAREDNESS
CITYOFMILLVALLEY.ORG/FIRE/EMERGENCY/FIRE
IS YOUR HOME READY?
LET'S PREPARE OUR COMMUNITY

YOUR HOME IS LOCATED IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS HIGH RISK FOR WILDFIRE. WE'D LIKE TO HELP YOU PREPARE YOUR HOME.

We recognize COVID-19 has adversely impacted our community. The onset of fire season in the near future is an added challenge we must all prepare for. Vegetation management for fire hazard reduction is considered an essential service during the Shelter in Place order and is allowed to continue. To help ease the burden and provide support to our community, both Southern Marin and Mill Valley Fire will chip and haul your brush for groups of three households or more. Please visit our websites below for more information:

SMFD.ORG/VEGETATION-MANAGEMENT
CITYOFMILLVALLEY.ORG/FIRE/VEGETATION

Better Together

SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MILL VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT