



FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

At last September's meeting many of our residents attended and asked questions regarding the defensible space inspections. In November, I had a meeting with the EDC Defensible Space team and they were happy to respond to questions and concerns. Here are the results:

Question 1: Is there any way to schedule an inspection later in the afternoon? As of now they are being told appts are only available between 8:00 pm and 2:00 pm which means they have to take a day of work to be able to meet with inspectors. They want the direct meeting so they can be sure to understand exactly what work they need to complete.

Response: They are happy to expand their hours. For the winter months they will be available for inspections from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. This will change once the days get longer in spring of 2021. If you are in the county emphasis area (east side of Sly Park) and would like to schedule your inspection you can call (530) 621-5569.

Question 2: Many of the residents are very stressed as not all are able to physically or financially meet all the requirements right away and definitely not within 30 days. Many have had their inspections and feel if they don't comply right away that they will be fined. I know in previous meetings with your team we have talked about progress not perfection and I wanted to know if that still holds true.

Response: The inspectors by no means want anyone to suffer financially or physically and are completely willing to discuss any concerns regarding your inspection and what you feel can be achieved. They are looking for progress not perfection. Before you spend thousands removing trees or other hazardous debris, please be sure to reach out to them to make sure necessary. Removing live trees should not be needed. Again, you can contact (530) 621-5569 to discuss any concerns.

Question 3: Many asked what the plan would be for 2021? Will the westside of GRF be inspected then and when would first inspections start?

Response: The county has not yet identified the next emphasis area but hope to have an answer in January. Remember, that although you may not be in the county emphasis area, you may still be inspected by other agencies such as Cal Fire.

Question 4: Can woodpiles be moved closer to the house now that fire season is over.

Response: Yes!

In addition to the discussion above, the county would like to hold a workshop to demonstrate what to expect during an inspection. This will be located at properties that have not yet been inspected in the emphasis area. I will be working with them to choose a few properties and we will try to set a date on a weekend so that many can attend. More to come soon!!

Beyond the conversation with the County here are a few other items you may want to know about.

BURN PILES: Now that we are out of fire season and hopefully stay that way, burn piles are now allowed on burn dates only. You can call (530) 621-5897 or (866) 621- 5897 to find out if it is a burn



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day before you light your fire. You can also save this link for daily information. [https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/pages/burn_information_\(outdoor\).aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/pages/burn_information_(outdoor).aspx)

If your pile is more than 4' x 4' a free permit is required. Please [click here](#) to learn more and for the application.

What can be burned?

Dry, natural vegetation, grown on the property can still be burned outdoors in open piles unless prohibited by local ordinances. No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences.

Burning trash, garbage, plastic, and treated lumber is not allowed by local Air Quality Management Districts.

GRF Fire Safe Council Next meeting - Due to the Christmas season we will be holding our next meeting on January 12th - 7pm. This will be held at the GRF Clubhouse. If bad weather/snow is encountered we will set up a zoom call. An announcement will come out the week prior to the meeting.

Have a very Happy and Healthy Christmas!