

Fire Safety Information for Merry Mountain Village

- There are 159 lots in Merry Mountain Village, 97 of which have dwellings.
- We are a FireWise Community, recognized by and in good standing with the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) since 2013. Additional information about our FireWise status can be found by contacting the National Fire Protection Association. Our 2025 FireWise Certification was approved in November 2025. We will be applying for 2026 certification in October 2026.
- We have heightened community awareness by conducting reviews of all lots (with or without dwellings) within our community using the following criteria based on CalFire's regulations:
 - Amount dead plants, dead or dry leaves, pine needles and duff on the lot... especially near structures, on roofs or in rain gutters.
 - Branches overhanging roofs and no dead branches within 10 feet of a chimney.
 - Amount of "Ladder Fuel" (branches lower than 6 feet from the ground).
 - Amount of foliage bordering the street and adjacent properties, and/or dense foliage on lot.
 - Trees should be 10-20 feet apart (or more), depending on the slope of your property (the trees are healthier, and it will slow a fire).
 - Trees should be trimmed to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees (this prevents fire from jumping from tree to tree).
- All 6 criteria are rated 1 (excellent), 2 (average) or 3 (hazardous). Periodic Rating letters based on the above criteria are sent out to all lot owners (with or without dwelling) with property rated above an average of 2.5 on all 6 criteria (significant discrepancies of above criteria).
- CalFire, U.S. Forest Service and the Butte County FireSafe Council reviewed our entire community in early 2020 and our community acted on their recommendations.
- The Butte County Fire Safe Council utilized a grant from CalFire to conduct extensive fuel-suppression work in 2020 in and around Merry Mountain. Up to 40 men worked 40 hours a week for 5 weeks to accomplish this.
- All "Common Areas" are being worked on to ensure they are as fire safe as possible
- Water resources:
 - 14 hydrants/wharf valves.
 - 2 water tanks with generator backup: Tank 1 =63k gallons. Tank 2= 100K gallons.
 - Swimming pool available for additional water if needed
 - Pond on property could be available for helicopter water collection in an emergency (access was validated).
 - 5,000 gallon towable water tender at burn-pile, with generator and pump.
 - Volunteer water tender and fire truck on donated property (Brownsville Volunteer FD operates in conjunction with Grizzley Creek Community Services), adjacent to Merry Mountain, with a new well added to that property.
- Installation of WWII Air-Raid siren, including annual testing and community awareness (w/ generator backup). This will alert the entire Village, and most of Clipper Mills, to imminent danger from fire. It was utilized successfully in 2020 during a fire.
- Emergency "CallMultiplier" system in place to alert all Clipper Mills residents to any hazardous situation.
- We are part of Butte County CERT (**Community Emergency Response Team**), and attend weekly calls to ensure effective emergency communications.