



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### Wildfire Café Success!





Our Wildfire Cafés were a great success! Both the in-person event at The Getty Villa and the virtual café provided meaningful space for the community to connect, reflect, and heal together one year after the 2025 fires. Thank you to our wonderful facilitators and partners for making this possible. We hope to continue hosting these gatherings in the future.

## Upcoming



**Goldspotted Oak Borer Trainings**

Build your skills in identifying GSOB and reporting suspected infestations.

In-person training:  
**March 24th**  
**Location: Calabasas**  
**6-7:30pm**

Field trip:  
**April 25**  
**East and Rice Canyon**

Recorded training:  
[smmfsc.org/gsob](https://smmfsc.org/gsob)

**OH NO!**

SCAN HERE  
Or register at [bit.ly/4oNhYnC](https://bit.ly/4oNhYnC)



The poster features a large illustration of a tree with a red arrow pointing to a hole in its trunk, with a speech bubble saying "OH NO!". Two goldspotted oak borer beetles are shown at the top. A QR code is located on the right side, with arrows pointing to it. The Fire Safe Council logo is in the bottom left corner.

Want to learn more about GSOB and how to identify it?

Attend the training **March 24, 6 -7:30pm** @ the Calabasas Community Center

Watch the recording of previous training at [smmfsc.org/gsob](https://smmfsc.org/gsob)

Attend the field trip to an infested area (East & Rice canyon) April 25

[Register Here](#)

## Volunteer Planting Days





**March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

Limited spots available!

Volunteers needed!

**Volunteer Planting Day**

 **Malibu Forestry Unit**  
**942 Las Virgenes Rd.**  
**Agoura Hills 91301**

The poster has a green and blue background with a stylized hill. It features three small plant seedlings in the center. A person is shown in the bottom left corner, and a red location pin icon is next to the address in the bottom right corner.



Join us for Volunteer Planting Days

**March 12th & 19th (9am-12pm and 1-4pm)**

Malibu Forestry Unit located at 942 Las Virgenes Rd, Agoura Hills, 91301.

We will be planting new native species to expand the current defensible space garden! If you are interested, please sign up below.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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## Westlake Pointe Community Workday



**WESTLAKE POINTE  
COMMUNITY WORKDAY**

Reduce your **risk of ignition** and **slow the spread of fire** in the community. We'll remove high-fuel plants to **reduce long-term maintenance, save water and money, and maintain a clean, attractive landscape.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
**10AM - 2 PM**

**Split into teams to do some light to moderate work** (removing vegetation, limbing, raking, etc.)

- Tools provided (bring your own if possible)
- Wear closed toed shoes and dress in appropriate layers
- Food and water breaks encouraged (snack/refreshment volunteers appreciated)
- Get to know your neighbors!

Work at your own pace!

Don't forget water and sunscreen!

SCAN ME!

Questions? Reach out to [joesmmfsc.org](https://bit.ly/452heE9) for more information

Register at <https://bit.ly/452heE9> or scan the QR code!

Logos: Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council, NFPA

**March 21st (10 am - 2 pm)**

SMMFSC will host a Community Workday at the Westlake Pointe neighborhood. The community is largely an elderly population and could use extra volunteers! We will gather to clear hazardous vegetation and learn about creating defensible space to help protect homes. Join us and be part of the effort to strengthen the community!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Agoura Hills CWPP Workshop

### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Community Workshop

Please join us to learn about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Hear recommendations and strategies for wildfire mitigation and preparation.



**Tuesday, March 17th**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Agoura Hills Recreation & Event Center 29900 Ladyface Ct.



Contact us with any questions:  
[radeva@agourahillscity.gov](mailto:radeva@agourahillscity.gov)

Agoura Hills is hosting a public [Community Wildfire Protection Plan \(CWPP\)](#) workshop on **Tuesday, March 17th from 5 pm to 7 pm.**

## Calabasas CWPP Public Review

The City of Calabasas is preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the City of Calabasas and want to hear from you!

The city is currently in the Public Review stage for the Draft CWPP, and are now seeking input from community members, agencies, environmental groups, and other interested parties to help ensure the CWPP reflects the priorities of the community.

Please review the CWPP and submit any comments on the public feedback submission box in the project Story Map. The public review period will be open until **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



CITY of CALABASAS

### The Calabasas Draft CWPP is available for Public Review!



The City of Calabasas is preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and we want to hear from you! The Draft CWPP is available for Public Review from February 11<sup>th</sup> until March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**CWPP Public Review Period**  
February 11<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup>  
2026

**Virtual Public Review Meeting**  
Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Microsoft Teams



**REVIEW THE CWPP AND REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**  
<https://rebrand.ly/CalabasasCWPP>

[Review CWPP Here](#)

# Home Hardening and Defensible Space Monthly Tips



## FIRE SAFETY 101: ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

For more information visit [smmfsc.org](http://smmfsc.org) to stay informed on the latest educational material from our monthly fires safety series

### ACCESSORY STRUCTURES



Just like your own home, accessory structures like sheds or guest houses need to be hardened and have a non-combustible Zone Zero (0 to 5 ft) to be considered fire safe. Additionally, it is important to consider how close the accessory structure is to your home. Focal points include:

#### PROXIMITY



#### ZONE ZERO



#### HOME HARDENING



### PROXIMITY TO YOUR HOME

The recommendation is to have your accessory structure placed **at least 10ft away from your home**. However, based on the size and combustibility of your structure, you may have to place it further than 10 ft away from your home.



For more information visit: [www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening](http://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening)

### ZONE ZERO (0-5FT)

Much like your home, accessory structures have their own Zone Zero.

In this zone, there should be **no combustible items stored within 5 ft** of the structure.



Combustible items can include tools, potting mix, paint, vegetation, and more. Make sure to store combustible items inside your accessory structure. Plants that are in non-combustible pots, less than 5 gallons, are good to use.

### HOME HARDENING



Sheds and guest houses should be made out of fire resistant materials to be considered hardened. This includes using the proper sized vent screening, non-combustible siding, and Class A roofing, just to name a few.

If you are thinking about buying a new accessory structure, there are premade hardened structures you can purchase.

#### VENTS

Replace old screening with **non-combustible 1/16" mesh** in order to prevent ember intrusion.



#### SIDING

The siding of your structure should be made out of **non-combustible materials**, such as metal, stucco, or TREX. Wood is not recommended.



#### ROOF

For the roof of your accessory structure use **Class A rated materials**. This includes: clay tiles, asphalt shingles, metal, and composite tiles.



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**FIREWISE NETWORKING CALL**  
JOIN US ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR OUR FIREWISE NETWORKING CALL!

- MEET OTHER INVOLVED CITIZENS
- LEARN HOW TO START A FIREWISE COMMUNITY
- EXCHANGE IDEAS ON HOW TO WORK TOWARDS FIRE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Logos for Fire Safe Council and Firewise USA are included.

Our Firewise Networking call is the last Wednesday of every month! Meet other community members involved and learn more about firewise communities. Register below to attend this month's meeting on **March 25th from 12 PM- 1 PM.**

[Register Here](#)

We're on Nextdoor! Follow us for local events, fire safety tips, and ways to get involved in building a more fire-resilient community.



