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Get Fire Safe with Free Curbside Chipping

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Photo provided by Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council

About Us

Our amazing team of first responder agencies, non-profits, volunteers and chipping professionals are committed to reducing the “fuel load” in our communities. Free chipping is offered through a variety of entities throughout the Inland Empire. Our partners include: Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council, CAL FIRE, **San Bernardino County Fire**, Big Bear Fire and more.

Free chipping.org is a cooperative effort of fire safe councils in the Inland Empire, sponsored by Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council (MRFSC) and the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance (IEFSA). MRFSC has been serving the Rim communities in the San Bernardino Mountains since 1999. More than 14 fire-safe councils operate in the Inland Empire - helping neighbors learn about defensible space and what each property owner can do to make a difference in the face of a wildfire.

How does Curbside Chipping help protect communities?

Helping property owners help themselves

Often, property owners are willing to trim trees, cut back bushes and attack other woody debris on their property in order to reduce the “fuel” available if a wildfire strikes their neighborhood. However, disposing of this “fuel” is a challenge in many rural communities. Curbside chipping addresses this challenge by allowing the property owner to bring the material down to the curb to await a chipping and removal/disposal by a chipping contract professional.

What is the criteria for using this service?

Different chipping programs have different criteria, mainly depending upon the type of chipper and chipping equipment being used. Basically, this includes the diameter of the material (generally up to 10”), and the type of woody debris (no construction wood, painted wood, tree material with nails, etc). Bags or piles of leaves or pine needles are not accepted as they cannot be “chipped,” however, branches can still have needles/leaves on them.

What is the process for requesting service?

This process varies depending on the entity providing the free chipping. Some areas offer chipping on demand, others have monthly cycles with deadlines and online requests. See below for how to contact the free

chipping service in your area. The links will take you to specific sites with current details for your community.

What is the cost for curbside chipping?

Chipping services referenced through this site are free to the property owner. The services are covered by agencies (CAL FIRE and San Bernardino County Fire) or grants to agencies (Big Bear Fire) or grants to fire safe councils (Mountain Rim SC and Arrowhead FSC).

SPECIAL 2019 WINTER STORM CHIPPING SERVICES

San Bernardino County Fire and CAL FIRE, offered drop off storm branches & debris for chipping at Lake Gregory North Parking Lot 12-21 & at Rim High Parking Lot 12-22 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Additional drop off dates are pending. If you cannot transport the material you can request curbside chipping through the fire safe councils by clicking below. Curbside service may take longer due to the high volume of requests, winter weather and holidays.

For more information and to see if Curbside Chipping is offered in your area please visit www.mountainrimfsc.org.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_4d4a1748-388f-11ea-bcdf-1b9a68330e32.html

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Capt. Nate Bristol displays a proclamation from Assemblyman James Ramos.

Nate Bristol, who has served as a captain in the Redlands Fire Department since March 2012, was honored Tuesday night by the Redlands Chamber of Commerce as firefighter of the year.

Bristol was raised in the High Desert and graduated from Lucerne Valley High School in 1995. He attended Victor Valley College where he completed the Fire Academy as well as his Paramedic licensure. Capt. Bristol earned a bachelor's degree in public safety administration in 2015 from Grand Canyon University.

His EMS and Fire Service career began in 1991 as a Fire Explorer with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District. He began working for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** as a Paid Call Firefighter in 1995 and was quickly upgraded to the position of Limited Term Firefighter in 1996. In December 2000, Capt. Bristol was hired with the Redlands Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic. He served in this position for six years until he was promoted to the position of engineer in August 2006. He was promoted to his current position of fire captain in March 2012.

Bristol routinely goes above and beyond his daily duties. He thinks of ways each day to make a difference in our community. For example, during a 4th of July parade he took the time to teach a quick CPR class.

During the middle of the parade he stopped the engine, got the parade patrons involved, and taught CPR based simply on the idea that he could teach someone to maybe someday save a life.

Most importantly Capt. Bristol is a dedicated family man who values his family above all else.

https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/capt-nate-bristol-is-redlands-firefighter-of-the-year-for/article_5d95b704-388c-11ea-9329-7b9078012c8c.html

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BARSTOW

Hospital Auxiliary offering scholarships

The Barstow Community Hospital Auxiliary is offering scholarships to area residents who are furthering their education in the health field. Applications are available at area high schools, Barstow Community College and the gift shop at Barstow Hospital. Applications must be received by March 2.

OAK HILLS

Water conservation, new legislation info at MAC meeting

During the Tuesday meeting of the Oak Hill Municipal Advisory Council, representative from San Bernardino County Special Districts/Zone J Water will share information regarding the water conservation, and new State legislation and its effects for the Oak Hills community.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at Oak Hills Fire Station #40, 6584 Caliente Road. Agency representatives from County Supervisor Lovingood's office, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Zone J Water, CalFire and **San Bernardino County Fire** will provide updates and useful information regarding the status of the area, recent incidents and future plans. Please share information about the meeting with your neighbors and plan to attend. You may RSVP at OHMAC2018@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.Facebook.com/oakhills.mac.

REGION

Conservation Coalition meeting planned Feb. 12

All environmental and conservation groups, agencies and organizations are invited to participate in the annual High Desert Conservation Coalition meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 12. The meet brings together various groups from the High Desert to meet and share information with the public.

Each group will be given table space to share their information and five minutes to speak on what their organization is doing. The keynote speaker will be Peter Satin of the Mojave Desert Land Trust who will speak on recent land acquisitions in the area. For more information or to sign up to participate, contact Carol Wiley at desertlily1@verizon.net or call 760-245-8734.

VICTORVILLE

Bunco Mania planned Saturday

Bunco Mania will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Sterling Inn, 17738 Francesca Road, Victorville. Hosted by Marty Pierce for local and world Christian missionaries. Donations for charity are \$10. For reservations, call 760-885-8778.

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