TIME TO PREPARE YOUR HOME
FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

California is near record dry from 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.

Together, we will work together 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.

**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.

LEARN MORE WAYS TO PREPARE
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WILDFIRE SEASON IS COMING

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.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District
Mill Valley Fire Department

Better Together