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**Has your email or phone number changed? Let us know so we can keep you informed**

**You can create smart defensible space by following these five steps:**

- Remove dead shrubs, dried grass, fallen branches and dried leaves from 100 feet around your house.
- Trim and separate plants and shrubs to stop fire from spreading.
- Remove ladder fuels which are plants, shrubs and branches that let a fire on the ground climb into the trees.
- Clear five feet around the base of your house and fill it with fire resistant plants or materials like rocks or gravel.
- Take care of the clean, open space 100 feet around your home on a regular basis.





# Logtown Fire Safe Council Spring 2011 Newsletter

*A Firewise Community Since 2009*

**Community Events** Watch for flyers or postings for these and other upcoming community events.

- April 1st – 30th Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Trash Dumpster, Hospice Collection
- October 8th Logtown FSC Hot Dog Social & Firewise

**Spring Cleanup** Public Resource Code 4291 requires that residents provide 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and other structures to keep flames from reaching your home and to provide space for firefighters to work in case of a wildland fire. In some cases additional cleared space is recommended because of steep

slopes and heavy fuel loading. Make sure that you have at least 100 feet of defensible space. Trim tree limbs up to at least 10 feet, and provide clearance along roadways and driveways. **Green Waste Dumpsters will be available starting on the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> at Station 44 on Quartz Dr. and at the GWCSO common area on Dolomite Drive.** Or, if you don't want to haul your green waste to a dumpster, you can turn in a request to have brush and limbs chipped on your property at: [www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org). Coordinating with your neighbors to turn in request at the same time will result in faster service. In either case, time you spend on this spring cleanup counts towards our Firewise Communities membership. Watch for a "Timesheet" in your email. If you don't get one it means we don't have your email address. Call one of the Board members or your Neighborhood Coordinator to request one.

**This year**, In addition to creating defensible space and making sure your property is ready for the fire season, how about doing some spring cleaning? On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we have arranged for Snowline Hospice to set up a donation site in the parking lot of Bob's Market. They will accept gently used clothing and household items from 9am to 3pm. In addition, they will collect e-waste for recycle. Waste management has donated a waste dumpster that can be used to dispose of bagged trash (no tires, beds, mattresses, or hazardous materials). Take this opportunity to "de-clutter", donate and dispose of unneeded items.

Did you know that proceeds from the sale of your donated/recycled items help support the important patient care work Snowline Hospice does in our community? The mission of Snowline Hospice is serving our community by supporting patients near end of life and guiding loved ones through grief. All donations are truly appreciated.

**Your Logtown Fire Safe Council** offers defensible space "evaluations" on request to determine whether you meet the PRC4291 requirements. Contact your Neighborhood Coordinator, Ken Hasse or Pat Dwyer to arrange for an evaluation of your defensible space.

*Remember to call the burn day information line at 621-5897 before you burn.*

**Green Waste Vouchers** are always available at our second Saturday meeting at Station 44, 6109 Quartz Drive for those times when you want to haul a pickup load to the MRF. Your neighborhood Coordinator can also provide green waste vouchers.

### Logtown FSC Board of Directors

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**E-mail List** Get on our e-mail list. Send your name, address and phone number to [khasse6861@gmail.com](mailto:khasse6861@gmail.com) and you will get Meeting Agendas, Meeting Notes, Red Flag Warnings and other information important to all Logtown area residents. The Logtown FSC e-mail list is confidential and will not be shared with other agencies or individuals.

**Phone Trees** The Logtown FSC has established phone trees in most areas. These phone trees are used to alert residents of fires in the area, red flag warning days and other important information. If you don't know whether you are on a phone tree, or if you

#### Neighborhood Coordinators

Quartz/Stope	Pat Dwyer	622-7121
North Crystal Blvd	Dominic Gregorio	344-0807
Oak Ridge N/Ranch Lake/Sodalite	Dave Smith	295-0312
Central Crystal and sides roads	Ken Hasse	620-7220
	Richard Englefield	620-3887
South Crystal and side roads	Elaine Livingston	620-7223
Dolomite loop	Kathy White	642-0102
Monitor	<b>coordinator needed</b>	
Maric Road/Rattler Ridge	Bob Miller	622-6726
Little Canyon	Bill Grey	626-5909

want to help with a phone tree contact one of the Board members or your Neighborhood Coordinator. **We need a neighborhood coordinator for the Monitor area**

**Red Flag Warnings** - Red flag warning days are determined by the National Weather Service on the basis of temperature, humidity and wind conditions in specific areas. Red flag warnings and fire weather watch information can be found at:

<http://www.weather.gov/alerts/ca.html>.

This and other information is used by Cal Fire and local fire agencies to determine readiness levels. The Logtown Fire Safe Council will post red flag warnings at two or more locations within the Logtown area. We will also use email and the phone trees to alert you to red flag warning days.

A "Red Flag Warning" day means high fire danger—high temps, low humidity & strong winds.  
**Do Not:**  
 -Use Mowers, Weed Eaters, or Chainsaws  
 -Build Campfires or Barbeque Outdoors  
 -Park or Drive on Dry Grass

**The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council**, our parent organization, is experiencing a financial crisis. The poor economy and declining grant opportunities combined with inappropriate past financial management practices will result in reduced support for ongoing programs such as Green Waste Dumpsters, Chipping and Senior/Disabled Assistance. A worst case scenario would be elimination of the programs and possible shutdown. Presently the EDCFSC does not have enough money in the bank to meet its grant commitments. At this time the shortfall is about \$30,000.

In fiscal year 2009/2010, a year of record revenue, a Federal Audit revealed an \$87,000 shortfall and three Significant Deficiencies in management practices. As a result of these findings, the California Fire Safe Council Grants Clearinghouse stopped payments on all grants to the EDCFSC. Although EDCFSC was able to continue work on most projects because some payments had already been made, the Senior/Disabled Assistance Program was suspended for lack of funds.

Payments have since been resumed on the basis of a draft EDCFSC Federal Grant Management Policy and other corrective actions that were submitted to the Grants Clearinghouse. This Policy must be completed and approved by the EDCFSC Board of Directors and CAFSC Grants Clearinghouse or future payments are at risk. The Senior/Disabled Assistance program has been resumed but is expected to run out of funds in the near future. Finding a source of unrestricted funding to pay for liability insurance, website maintenance and other overhead costs must be a top priority for the EDCFSC

**What does this mean to Logtown FSC?** Green Waste Dumpsters and Chipping services will be available into 2012, but unless new grant funding is found these services will not be available after that time. Because of our great community support and our annual fundraising activities, the Logtown FSC could provide some of these services on its own. However, without insurance coverage provided by the EDCFSC most organized volunteer activities including our annual Hot Dog Social & Firewise Day would be at risk. We also rely on the EDCFSC for the non-profit 501(c)3 umbrella.

A worst case scenario would still leave us with our phone tree alert system, email communications and education efforts. And neighbors can always help neighbors prepare defensible space.

### **The Logtown Fire Safe Council**

operates as a satellite of the **El Dorado County Fire Safe Council**, a non-profit public benefit corporation. We encourage you to visit the EDCFSC website at:

[www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org) and while you are there follow the *Local Fire Safe Councils* link to the Logtown pages. There you will find past newsletters, meeting notes, our CWPP and more. The Logtown Fire Safe Council meets on the second Saturday of each month at Station 44 on Quartz Drive. Your attendance at these meetings counts as "in kind" match funding for grant applications. Watch for signs announcing the meeting.

## ***Be Firewise Stay Fire Safe***

**Fuel Reduction Projects** Presently the CAFSC Grants Clearinghouse has no funds for the 2012 grant cycle and has set the deadline for grant applications back to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications with less than 25% match will not be considered and 50% is probably a more realistic target. Nonetheless Logtown FSC expects to submit applications for two projects that can meet the match criterion so that if and when funding is available we will be in line.

- 1. Oakridge N./Ranch Lake Rd Roadside/Power Line Clearing**
- 2. Highway 49 Roadside Fuel Reduction**