

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM – 2011

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Though considerable snow remains on the ground in numerous subdivisions in the Shaver area, it is time to begin planning for spring fuel reduction services. As mentioned the previous two years, Cal Fire has new standards that require more clearing than some of you may wish to have done on your mountain property. However, many insurance companies are using the Cal Fire guidelines and are not renewing numerous policies if the guidelines are not met. Since this is such a “gray” area and Cal Fire’s requirements are not defined clearly, we are offering our services as **spring clean-up services** as opposed to **fire hazard reduction services**. Please be advised that the State MAY require more extensive vegetation removal than I will have provided and they could issue you a notice of non compliance months after your clean-up services were professionally and diligently provided and paid for. Should this be the case you may contact us and we can discuss performing additional work to meet compliance requirements.

The State is looking at needles within 30’ of structures, needles on roofs, firewood stored against houses or under decks, branches near chimneys and roofs, rotting wood on the ground, as well as trees limbed up to 8-10 feet, and bushes thinned for up to 100’ feet or more from the proximity of any structure. We will clean roofs and overhanging branches to the extent of our ability and consideration of our employees’ safety; however, should we be unable to provide these services we can provide you with the name of a competent person who can accomplish this work. It has been an extremely harsh winter. Numerous trees, limbs and associated debris litter the ground. Because of the increased volume of debris, services can be expected to exceed costs incurred in previous years.

Rates for services are as follows.

- Labor - \$28.00/hr.
- Load/haul/disposal - \$30.00/cu.yd.(as measured on the ground)
NOTE: For those only requesting load/haul/dispose services, this includes a maximum of two curbside piles. An additional fee will be charged if numerous piles are created or the curbside piles are not accessible by tractor (you may contact me prior to raking your yard for pile location instructions so as not to incur additional charges).
- Roof Cleaning \$100.00 & up
- Sawing/Pruning - \$50.00/hr.

Work will commence as soon after May 1st as conditions will allow. Please reserve your place on our list by filling out, signing and returning the enclosed form as early as possible as we may not be able to honor requests received after May 15, or, as in the case of Appleridge/Meadowridge or Ridgetop, we have since moved out of your subdivision (since these are typically the first serviced). You may cancel your reservation at any time prior to the work being done.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION RESERVATION

Name: _____

Service Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Full service yard cleanup (includes yard raking, load/haul/dispose, necessary pruning)

_____ Load /haul/dispose only (includes a maximum of two curbside piles as noted in above letter)

_____ Clean roof to compliance

_____ Please have the tree trimmer contact me

Comments: _____

I have read and understand the terms of this service and wish the service(s) indicated above:

Signature (Required) _____