



FAQs

Burn Permits:

Prior to May 1st, property owners are required to only obtain a Open Burn Notification Permit through Bay Area Air Quality before burning. [Open Burn Status \(baaqmd.gov\)](http://baaqmd.gov)

Effective May 1st, in addition to having a valid Open Burning Notification Permit through Bay Area Air Quality, property owners are required to obtain a burn permit through CAL FIRE on-line via [BURN PERMITS \(ca.gov\)](http://ca.gov)

There are (3) types of permits that are available:

1. Residential Burn Permit: Residential property owners planning to burn piles that are no larger than 4x4 feet.
2. LE-5: Agricultural pile burning.
3. LE-7: Broadcast burning

Chipper Program:

This year the Chipping Program will begin early May and property owners will be allowed to sign up for chipping services on-line at [Chipping Program Request \(countyofnapa.org\)](http://countyofnapa.org) We encourage you to plan ahead and begin piling your materials accordingly. Here is information and criteria that you can use as you prepare:

Program Criteria:

- The crew will chip up to a maximum of 3 hours on a single visit. This is approximately a pile 50' long, 3 feet high and 10' wide. There is a high demand for this service among Napa County.
- Residents may submit subsequent requests during the chipping season.
- This program is designed to support homeowners chip vegetation for their 100' defensible space around structures and access routes. ALL OTHER REQUESTS WILL BE DENIED SERVICE.
- **The maximum individual pile size is 50 feet long, 3 feet high by 10 feet wide (deep).**
- There is no limit to the number of piles one can have chipped in a season. Each pile requires a separate chipping request, even if being requested at the same time, to enable tracking of material volume chipped and labor hours.



- All piles must be placed along a private road accessible by truck and chipper. Piles must also be safely accessible by the chipping crew; far enough away from a main road, highway, and moving traffic for the chipping crew to safely work.
- Piles are required to remain on the home owner's property and not on public roadways.
- Piles should be stacked cut end (butt) towards the road for ease of grasping for chipping.
- Stem diameter is limited to a maximum of 6 inches.
- No mechanically piled brush by tractor or dozer will be chipped.
- Piles must be limited to brush and tree limbs from the property itself. Stringy vine type brush, such as poison oak, construction materials, leaves, grass clippings, etc. are not allowed as they may foul or damage the chipper.
- The free chipping service is for residential use only and not for a commercial enterprise.
- If you need assistance in preparing piles to be chipped, it is recommended that you contact a tree service or landscape Maintenance Company.
- **The chipping crew makes the final determination as to whether a pile complies with the aforementioned requirements and are safe to be chipped.**

***** DO NOT use wood chips as decorative landscaping. All wood chips will be left on the property premises and must be kept at a distance of a minimum of 100' feet from all structures.**

Defensible Space Cost-Share Program:

Napa Firewise will be offering a Defensible Space Cost-Share Program for properties that is or is close to a High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. See flyer for details and to sign up:



RECEIVE UP TO
\$3500
 TO MAKE YOUR HOME
 SAFER FROM **WILDFIRES**

Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (Napa Firewise), through a grant from CAL FIRE, is pleased to offer cost sharing reimbursement for defensible space work around homes throughout Napa County.

If you live in Napa County and your home is in or close to a HIGH or VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE you should APPLY!



IT'S EASY TO APPLY!

- 1 Go to our website (<https://napafirewise.org/dspace> or use the QR code to the right) for details.
- 2 Fill out an automated self-assessment that will help you determine what clearing work should be done on your home, then specify what work you plan to do
- 3 You will receive, at no cost to you, a courtesy assessment of your property's vulnerabilities and recommendations to reduce your wildfire risk
- 3 If your application is successful, you will receive a 50% reimbursement up to \$3,500 for money you spend on new defensible space clearing work around your home



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→ *If you participated in this program last year, you are eligible this year for up to an additional \$1500 for new work*

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE (EXCEPT YOUR HOME TO WILDFIRE) SO APPLY NOW TO ACCESS THIS GRANT OPPORTUNITY through the link or QR code