

Firewise Update

The Firewise Program focuses on risk reduction in communities located in fire-prone areas of the country. Cathedral Mountain Ranch has once again been recognized as a Firewise Community. In addition to the sign at the front gate, there is a sign at the Firewise Pile on the CMR Trail.

In the past number of years, we have conducted a spring clean-up day to collect wood debris from our own properties and the common grounds. Last fall, Travis Hansen of Fireline Services helped the Firewise Community obtain grant funding for the chipping of most of the wood debris. Some of the chipped material is still available at the Firewise pile for use by property owners. If you can make use of wood chippings around your property, help yourself.

Key in both the success of the Firewise Program and in obtaining Risk Reduction grant funding is the volunteer efforts of all of us at Cathedral Mountain Ranch. Any and all clean-up activity needs to be documented – trimming dead branches, hauling windfall wood and trimming trees up from the ground. If you have devoted any time to clean up between the beginning of the year and now, please let the Firewise Committee know by sending an email to: firewise@cmra.us. This spring and summer continue to let us know about any volunteer time you have spent on clean-up. If you need help getting wood debris from your property to the Firewise pile, feel free to contact the Firewise Committee. Based on the number of volunteer hours, we will be able to get grant funding to chip debris or even remove some troublesome deadwood.

There will be a Firewise Clean-Up on Saturday, September 18 starting at 9:00 am. Work followed by a potluck lunch. All are encouraged to participate.