

Make Your Forest Fire-Resistant



Overly dense stands of trees and prolonged drought have left the forests in the San Bernardino Mountains in a weakened state, vulnerable from the bark beetle infestation.

To combat the bark beetles and help make your property more fire-safe, the forest must be properly managed. This requires thinning the overstocked forest of certain live trees and shrubs to restore vigor to the remaining trees.

MAST has spearheaded this effort to restore the health of the forest and make it more fire-resistant. This calendar is part of a two-year education and outreach program to continue building on the healthy foundation established by MAST thus far. Find out what you can do to help by contacting a MAST participant.

MAST is a coalition of local, state and federal government agencies, private companies and volunteer organizations in San Bernardino and Riverside counties that are concerned with public safety in the mountain areas of their respective jurisdictions. For more information, including names and contact information of MAST participants, visit www.calmast.org.

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To the responsible homeowners who have helped make our community fire safe.

For general tree-removal advice, including information concerning regulatory requirements, financial assistance programs, and tree-removal services in the San Bernardino Mountains area, contact:

- San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Tree Abatement Program: (909) 867-1240
www.sbcfire.org
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: (909) 881-6900
www.fire.ca.gov
- The National Forest Association and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. A grant from the USDA Forest Service allows property owners to be reimbursed up to 75% of the cost of implementing a qualified tree-removal plan. Call (888) 883-THIN or complete the form online at www.sbnfa.com/forestcare.php
- For more information on natural resources conservation contact Natural Resources Conservation Service at www.ca.ncrs.usda.gov

If you have trees near power lines, contact:

- Southern California Edison, Tree Removal Program (800) 640-3652
www.sce.com

For guidelines on low-water-use landscaping and creating a defensible space around your home and other structures, see:

- “A Landscape Guide for Mountain Homes.” Call (909) 337-8555 or obtain online at www.calmast.org/mast/public/pdf/landscape_guide.pdf