

# March



## Clear leaves, debris and downed limbs

Dead vegetation constitutes a significant fire hazard. Remember to remove dead vegetation at regular intervals.

### *Remove dead vegetation*

- Remove trees, shrubs, dead branches still attached to plants, dried grass and flowers, dropped leaves and needles and firewood.
- The only exceptions: pine needles covering bare soil and downed trees embedded in the ground. These help reduce erosion, conserve water and maintain a healthy forest.
- Be sure to remove all pine needles and leaves from beneath decks and within two feet of any structure.
- In all other locations, pine needles should be removed to a thickness of between one and two inches. More is a hazard and less promotes erosion.

### *Eliminate ladder fuels*

- Ladder fuels include plants or vegetation which allow flames to climb upward like rungs of a ladder.
- Minimize the ladder fuel problem. Raise the height of the upper fuel layer by removing lower tree branches to a height of 6 feet. Eliminate the lower fuel layers (such as tall shrubs or small trees) in addition to other low-lying debris beneath trees.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
				1	2	3°	
American Red Cross Month							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12°	13	14	15	16	17	
Daylight Saving Time Begins Change Smoke Detector Batteries							Saint Patrick's Day
18	19°	20	21	22	23	24	
First Day of Spring							
25°	26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

APRIL						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					