

WHILE MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION TREES affected by the bark beetle infestation have been removed by MAST members, densely packed forests and prolonged drought still leave all tree species in the San Bernardino County Mountains vulnerable.

To 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: A thinner forest is a healthy forest.

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 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 County 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.

FOR GENERAL GREEN VEGETATION THINNING ADVICE IN THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAIN AREA, CONTACT:

- San Bernardino County Hazardous Tree Abatement Program: (909) 867-1240, www.calmast.org
- CAL FIRE: (909) 881-6900, www.fire.ca.gov

- Forest Care (The National Forest Association and CAL FIRE). A grant from the U.S. 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 (8446) 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.nrcs.usda.gov or (951) 684-3722.

IF YOU HAVE TREES NEAR POWER LINES, CONTACT:

- Southern California Edison, Tree Removal Program: (800) 640-3652, www.sce.com/safety/barkbeetle
- In Big Bear Valley only, call Bear Valley Electric Service at (800) 808-BVES (2837) or www.bves.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) 336-7115 or obtain online at www.calmast.org/sbc/index.aspx

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To the fire safe councils and responsible home-owners who have helped make our community fire safe.



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