

CWP - 2024 FIREFREE Yard Debris Collection in The Ridge

GREETINGS: Heads-up for our 2024 Ridge at Eagle Crest Wildfire Protection activities. Starting on February 17th, your Community Wildfire Protection Committee (CWP) has been preparing Ridge Common Areas and Vacant/Undeveloped Lots for wildfire protection treatment prior to the 2024 Wildfire Season. We have been revisiting and marking 52 Vacant Lots and ~90 acres of Common Area and Emergency Evacuation Access Routes. In addition, we are preparing for the annual Ridge Community wide FIRE FREE activity in late April and early May (see below).

WHO: As in previous years, the FIREFREE event is for single family homes/non-managed neighborhoods in the East and West Ridge.

WHY: The threat of wildfire in our community is real; "The Ridge at Eagle Crest: Living the Dream While Existing in A Moderate-High Wildfire Threat Reality".

WHEN: The annual Ridge Owner opportunity for fuel reduction and creation of good defensible space in your Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is scheduled for roadside placement of **prescribed** yard debris and collection bags from April 20-28, 2024. Subsequently, a "**Two Sweep**" collection and processing (to include on-site materials chipping) of the roadside material and bags will occur from April 29 - May 6, 2024 (See below).

WHAT: Follow CWP and ARC guidelines to create defensible space around your home or vacant lot by pruning or removing highly flammable trees and shrubs. Clean gutters and collect dry leaves, cones, grasses, and pine needles (see CWP website cwp@ridgeowners.org for HIZ information).

HOW: As a Ridge Owner you can be a major contributor in this annual FIREFREE event. You will need to place your **prescribed** yard materials (including 30-gallon bags, if used) on the roadside in front of your home or lot between April 20 and April 28.

Prescribed Materials: Limbs and small trees (less than 6-inch diameter) must be cut no longer than 4 feet and can be piled along the street. Smaller yard debris like leaves, dry grasses, pine needles and smaller woody debris must be placed in heavy duty 30-gallon paper landscape bags next to the street. Please, no grass clippings, plastic bags, sod, root balls, garbage, or planter debris as those cannot be chipped and **will not be picked up and will be the owner's responsibility for disposal.** All debris must be on the roadside by April 28, with **no exceptions!!**

This year, we will be using a "Two Sweep" collection and processing approach. A contractor will be coming through your neighborhood **one time** for roadside collection beginning April 29. Initially, there will be a pick-up sweep of the 30-gallon bags for placement in the "staged" dumpsters; this will be followed by a pick-up sweep of the prescribed materials for on-site chipping. This final "sweep" completes on Monday May 6. On-site chipping operations will then occur from May 7-10.

MORE INFO: Dumpsters: from April 29 - May 6 large dumpsters will be located on the west side of the Cinnamon Teal/Merlin intersection and at Oxbow Loop near the mail kiosk. If the roadside debris in your neighborhood has already been picked up, Ridge Owners will still have the opportunity to dispose of additional materials by taking them to a dumpster from April 29 – May 6. Please, no plastic, garbage, root balls, etc.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN FIREFREE AND SUPPORTING CWP IN MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE!

