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**Fire Season Preparation- Residents Assistance Program -**

Do you have trees and brush causing a fire hazard around your home? The Residents Assistance Program is now accepting applications for residents who are elderly, disabled or low income by calling 530-877-0984.

The program provides a free home consultation to determine work needed to meet requirements of the law, procurement of competitive bids from qualified and insured contractors and financial assistance based on resident's income.

The Program was developed in 2003 by Butte County Fire Safe Council, a non-profit organization with a mission to provide safety in Butte County through wildfire hazard education and mitigation. Over 150 residents through out the County have participated in the program. The program is funded by grants from the National Fire Plan grant from the U.S Forest Service through the California Fire Safe Council.



Fire season is near and being prepared is critical. There are many things you can do to prepare:

- Rake pine needles and leaves 10 feet away from your home
- Keep vegetation well watered and mowed in the 100 foot area around your home
- Get a copy of the Town of Paradise/Upper Ridge Evacuation Plan
- Have a personal preparedness plan
- Install a reflective address sign at your driveway.

For more information about preparing for fire season on your property call 530-877-0984 or go to [thenet411.net](http://thenet411.net).

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