

Some Reminders
to Remember are...

- ✓ Always have an escape plan.
- ✓ Don't forget to clean your yard.
- ✓ Cut down bushes that are not healthy in your yard.
- ✓ Always remember to turn off your stove.

And the last one...

✓ Just be Prepared!!

For any questions
call the Tahoe City
Fire Department.
? "583-6913" ?

FOREST FIRE SAFETY

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The crisis in our forests.

We have a crisis in our forests because of fires, fuel buildup, and logging and reforestation.



Fires are a big part of what destroys our forests because if one little shrub gets caught on fire, it will spread to hundreds of thousands of trees.



Another thing that destroys our forests is fuel build up. If there are too many branches on the ground, it is easy for the flames to build up the tree and start fire storms.



Reforestation and logging is bad because when we clear cut, the forests will grow back even thicker.



Some other problems in our forests come from insects and droughts.



Droughts are killing forests because when trees have no water, it causes them to get stressed and may cause bug infestation.

Defensible Space

Defensible space is the area of space around your house. If there are many trees on your property, the fire would get to your home quicker than if you had defensible space. If trees are spread out around your home, then the fire would take longer or even stop before it gets to your house.



Removal



We want to remove the dead branches and underbrush to help stop fires from starting. We want to remove out some dead trees. We can do any of this if we do a prescribed burn. This way we can decide which trees to cut down by just looking at the trees and searching for the obvious. If the top is broken, if its leaning or if the branches are dead.

Reduce

One thing we need to reduce is FIRES! We can help stop them by reducing dead brush, and any type of branch that is lying on the ground. We can also reduce

of branch that is lying on the ground. We can also reduce a group of trees by thinning out some dead trees. We can reduce any of this if we do a prescribed burn. This way we create defensible space.



Replace



In replacement for what we do, we can replace dead trees for healthy trees, or a totally new species of the trees. We can also create defensible space. Soil can be replaced too, after fires or erosion. Many other things can also be replaced.