

## **Spring Mountain Ranch HOA "Wildfire Fuel Reduction Community Preparedness Project" May 6th - May 24th**

Hello Spring Mountain Ranch HOA members,

Happy Spring! As we are starting to see the snow melt fast, it is time to start planning some clean up from old man winter and his windy sidekick. The snow and wind this season did some natural pruning all around the neighborhood. Removing dead vegetation around your cabin is one of the most effective ways you can reduce wildfire risk. If you have some woody debris to clean up, the HOA is setting up the neighborhood yard waste bin May 6 -24.

For the second consecutive season, the SMR HOA Firewise Committee applied for and won a National Fire Protection Association \$500 Wildfire Preparedness Day Grant towards wildfire fuel clean-up. We will be utilizing that grant money to help subsidize the annual SMR HOA woody debris collection bin program.

### **\* Mark your calendar for the following clean-up opportunities \***

- **May 1:** Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Woody Debris Bin Day - McCall Fire station
- **May 6 - May 24:** The annual SMR HOA collection bin will be located at the **NE corner of [Bitterroot Dr. and Fireweed Dr.](#)**
- **May 10 - October 20:** Valley County landfill is accepting residential brush and yard waste free of charge.
- **May 28 - June 9:** There will be free collection bins located across from the McCall Fire Department on Deinhard Lane

**Valley County Firewise Project** - 20 grants available for up to \$500 each.

This is a new opportunity and you can participate in applying for a firewise project that may benefit your property and help defend it against wildfire. Spring Mountain Ranch HOA will be applying for these grants as well.

If you are interested, please follow up with Stephanie.

- Stephanie Nelson— 208-630-4201
- \$500 Firewise Grants
- 20 Awards Available
- Application Deadline May 2, 2021
- Application & Rules Available Email [VCFirewise@gmail.com](mailto:VCFirewise@gmail.com)
- [Valley County Firewise Project](#)

Learn how to focus your wildfire fuel mitigation clean up efforts

Below are a couple of links that have some good information about wildfire risk and ideas to prepare for it.

[National Fire Protection Association](#)

[Wildland Fire Retrofit Guide](#)

*Reminders about the use of the HOA yard waste bin -*

- Use the bin to dispose of any woody debris including dead vegetation, clippings, branches, leaves, needles, etc.
  - Do not put debris in plastic bags, and please, do not use the bin to dispose of any non-woody debris from your property. We will be fined or the bin will be rejected and the HOA will pay extra.
  - Let us know if you see any issues...a community watch program helps.
  - When the bin is full, we will arrange to have it emptied and replaced. Please do not overfill the bin as it has to be covered in order to transport/empty it. If it's full, please wait for the next one.
  - Be safe

Thank you,

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