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May is Wildfire Awareness Month!

Get prepared with these pre-season tips from the HCFSC

The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council encourages all residents to take responsibility for preparing their families, homes, and property for wildfire. Prepare now before fire season heats up!

What better time than Wildfire Awareness Month to take action, raise awareness, and reduce the risk of wildfire! Whether you have 10 minutes or 8 hours to spare, there is something you can do. In fact, the Fire-Adapted Communities Network has prepared [a list of projects for schedules of all kinds](#) that you can complete this month. Make it a priority!

1. Prepare your home and property using resources like [Preparing Your Home for Wildfire](#) and the HCFSC's [Home Risk Assessment](#).
 2. Review your evacuation plan or [or make one today](#)
 3. Sign up for [Humboldt Alert](#) to make sure you are notified of emergencies and evacuation warnings in your area.
 4. [Know Your Zone](#) so you'll be ready to evacuate when wildfire threatens.
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If you plan to burn piles as part of your defensible space prep, keep in mind that a [CAL FIRE permit](#) will be required after **May 1st** in addition to the [Air Quality permit](#) required year-round.

Learn More by Visiting our Fire Safety Resources



Before and after a Fire-adapted Landscapes And Safe Homes (FLASH) Project successfully improved defensible space in Orleans.

Upcoming Events

Fire Resources Fair!

April 27th, 12–5pm at the Mateel Community Center (Redway, CA)

The Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council invites all community members to the Fire Resources Fair on April 27th, from 12-5 pm at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Discover a wealth of resources to fortify your home and neighborhood against wildfires, from expert presentations to hands-on advice. Get the inside scoop on defensible space, home hardening, and the latest in fire insurance from the dynamic Yana Valachovic of UC Extension. Be inspired by local neighborhood sparkplugs sharing their fire preparedness triumphs and challenges. Plus, get to know a diverse array of organizations offering invaluable tips and tools. With a children's

zone, fire truck exploration, and delicious treats to fuel your fire readiness journey, it's an event you won't want to miss! For more info read the [press release](#) or to get involved, email sohumfiresafe@gmail.com.

HCFSC Quarterly Meeting

May 23rd, 2-4pm, UCCE Office (Eureka, CA)

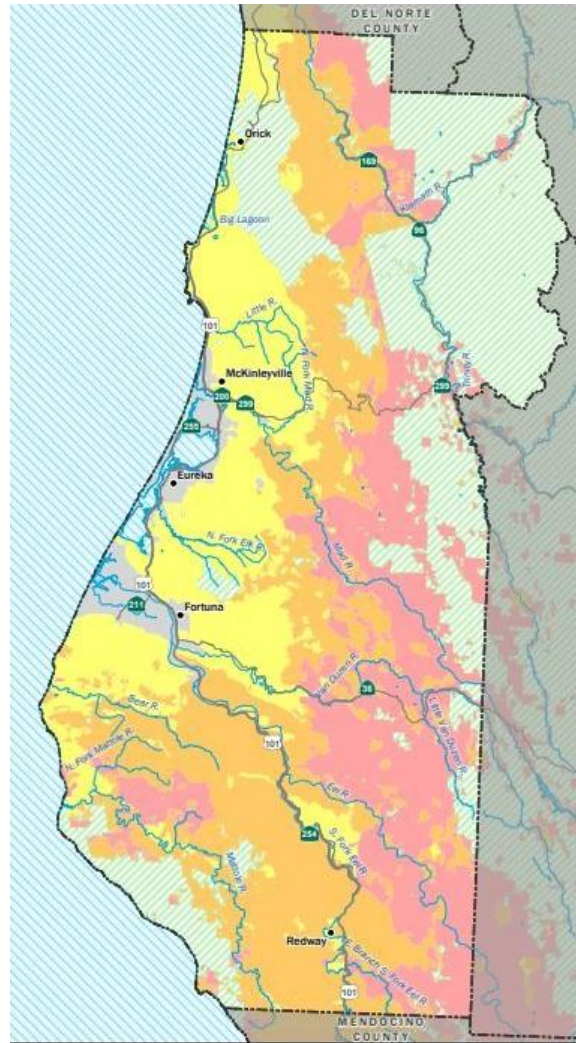
The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council will be holding its quarterly meeting at the UC Cooperative Extension Office at 5630 S Broadway, Eureka on May 23rd from 2-4 pm. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted to the [Agenda Center](#) closer to the meeting date. Sign-up for email or text alerts when an agenda or meeting minutes are posted using [Notify Me](#).

Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps Revised

After a years long process, CAL FIRE has officially published new Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for the state, effective April 1st. Read more on the [FHSZ webpage](#) and [FAQ](#) or check out the interactive [FHSZ Map Viewer](#).

These maps provide valuable information for local plans such as the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Residents can also benefit from an increased understanding of hazards in the places they live, work, and recreate.

The map revisions sparked some concern that home insurance availability and premiums could be affected. While fire hazard is considered, insurers use a more complex process to make decisions. The CA Department of Insurance offered [their own FAQ](#) in response to the release of the new maps to underscore that there is no direct connection between the CAL FIRE FHSZ maps and the risk assessment process used by insurance companies.



Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA)

- Very High 492,409 Acres
- High 674,653 Acres
- Moderate 445,410 Acres

Fire Protection Responsibility Areas (non-SRA)

- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)
- Local Responsibility Area (LRA)
- Waterbody



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