

Create defensible space this Spring for fire protection.

Defensible space is the area between a home and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and to provide an opportunity for firefighters to effectively defend the house.

Two recent fires in our area have dramatically pointed to the need to create defensible space around your home.

The Caughlin Fire burned 1,935 acres destroying 26 homes and damaging 17 homes. The Washoe Drive Fire burned 3,100 acres destroying 28 homes and damaging 7 homes. Another 7 outbuildings were destroyed and 7 outbuildings were damaged.

Research findings prove that a home's survival during a wildfire is not random. It depends on how the house is built, the characteristics of the

adjacent vegetation and fuels, and routine maintenance.

Local, state, federal, private, and nonprofit organizations have come together to create "Living With Fire", a wildfire threat reduction program for homeowners. Human behavior is just as important as fire behavior in saving a home.

To find out how to create defensible space, go to www.livingwithfire.info.



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Learn to live with fire



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And not only is working at the polls a fun, exciting, and rewarding experience, but you get paid for it as well!

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www.washoecounty.us/voters



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Primary Election

- Register in person by May 22 at the Registrar's Office or by May 12 through the mail
- Early voting from May 26 through June 8
- Election Day is Tuesday, June 12!

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Because **every** piece counts.

