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This factsheet provides a variety of information to help guide homeowners as well as local, tribal, & state governments through available assistance and wildfire prevention resources.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Vegetation management is crucial for wildfire prevention because it reduces the amount of flammable fuel available using techniques such as thinning, pruning, and prescribed burns.



WHAT IS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT?

Vegetation management reduces wildfire risk and manages resources by clearing brush, thinning forests, and creating defensible spaces around structures.

- **Cal Fire Vegetation Management Program (VMP):** Focuses on the use of prescribed fire for tackling wildland fire fuel hazards. This method mimics natural processes, restores fire to its historical role in wildland ecosystems, and provides fire hazard reduction benefits to enhance public and firefighter safety.
- **The California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP):** Uses prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, herbicide, and prescribed herbivory as tools to reduce hazardous vegetation in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), to construct fuel breaks, and to promote ecological restoration, all while providing tool compliant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- **Caltrans Integrated Vegetation Management Plan (IVP):** Utilizes herbicide, mowing, weed whacking, hand removal, and prescribed herbivory to control vegetation along the state highways for the safety of motorists and cyclists and to prevent wildfires.

What residents can do:

- To protect your home from wildfire and ensure the safety of firefighters defending your home, create a defensible space to slow or halt the progress of fire on your property. **Learn more about defensible space and how you can implement it on your property.**





RESOURCES

- **California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force**: A collaborative effort to align the activities of federal, state, local, public, private and tribal organizations to support programs and projects tailored to the unique priorities and risks of each region. Lists additional grant resources with state and federal agencies.
- **California FireSafe Council's Fire Safe Communities Program** seeks to prevent community ignition through time-tested preparedness and mitigation activities to stand a better chance at surviving catastrophic wildfires. Visit their website for additional grant opportunities.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

- **California Forest Improvement Program**: A cost-share program to encourage private and public investment in, and improved management of, California forest lands and resources. The focus is to ensure adequate high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, and the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest resource system for the benefit of present and future generations.

Rivers & Mountains Conservancy

- **Wildfire Prevention Grant Program**: Preventative measures to increase fire-resilience and prevention, improve forest health, restore burned areas, and stimulate workforce development.

California FireSafe Council

- **2025 State Fire Capacity Grant Program**: To support hazardous fuels reduction, community wildfire prevention planning, and education and mitigation activities across California.

Forest Stewardship Program

- The **Forest Stewardship Program** provides assistance to owners of forest land through management, stewardship, and economic benefits.

USDA Farm Service Agency

- **Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters by authorizing payments to owners of private forests to restore disaster damaged forests.

For more funding opportunities, visit **[California Grants Portal](#)**