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FIRE SAFE COUNCIL TO HOST 2010 CHIPPING EVENT

Brush Clearance Will Increase a Home's Ability to Survive Wildfire

(North/Eastern Rural Arroyo Grande, March 9, 2010) -- With wildfire season approaching, now is the time for San Luis Obispo County residents to prepare their homes. To help residents create a defensible space around their homes the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council (SLOCCFSC), CAL FIRE, the San Luis Air Pollution Control District, and the California Conservation Corp., is hosting the 2010 Chipping Event. This service is FREE to qualified residents

As we enter the fire season, chipping is a great way to clear your yard of potential fire hazards. Disposing green waste without burning also preserves our air quality. Plus, you can use the leftover chips around your property as landscape material.

Residents located along Old Oak Park Road, Noyes Rd, Carpenter and Corbett Canyon, and any intersecting roads are encouraged to participate by stopping at the San Luis Obispo County Fire Station 21, located near the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport for an application. Our address is 4671 Broad Street, between Buckley Road and Airport Drive

Residents participating in this event will need to have their piles ready 3 days prior to the start date of their zone. Material must be clean yard waste only-with no metal, nails, garbage, rocks, etc. Branches can not be thicker than 4 inches in diameter. Piles cannot be greater than 1 ton and must be pile curbside where the chipping crews can operate safely.

The No-Cost Community Chipping Event will Start April 30^h – May 13th

For those of you that have already signed up and are preparing the materials, I want to remind you to inspect your power tool, making sure it has a spark arrestor and to minimize fire ignitions by completing your work before 10AM.

For more information please contact Neli Mongin, Chipping Coordinator, neli.mongin@calfireslo.org or (805) 544-5105, or visit our website at <http://www.fscslo.org>

The No-Cost Chipping Service for Vegetation Reduction is funded by San Luis Air Pollution Control District through the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council and donations. The SLOCCFSC is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit corporation; tax-deductible donations are welcome.

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