



Association Newsletter

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Hello, Neighbors!

As coordinator of Firewise Bayside Acres I'm happy to tell you that **there is one exception** to Marin's shutdown order that bans gardeners, tree companies, and landscapers working on your property during the COVID-19 pandemic:

YOU **may** hire someone to clear defensible space to reduce your vulnerability to wildfire.

This Marin Independent Journal article provides the details:

<https://www.marinij.com/2020/04/10/marins-coronavirus-lockdown-bans-most-yard-work-stoking-fire-fears/>

This is the paragraph that is pertinent here:

(County Public Health Officer Matthew) Willis clarified that professional fire safety work permitted during the shelter-in-place order can include cleaning gutters and roofs, removing hazardous trees, cutting trees

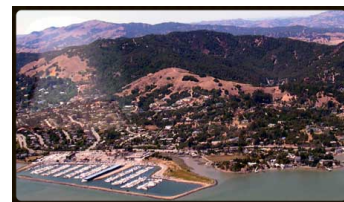
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For information about the larger community on the Pt. San Pedro Road peninsula in east San Rafael, see the website at [Pt. San Pedro Road Coalition](#).

removing hazardous trees, cutting tree limbs that hang over homes or are within 10 feet of the ground, removing dead vegetation piles, clearing vegetation that is within 10 feet of roads and driveways or 14 feet overhead and mowing seasonal grasses — but not irrigated lawns — to 4 inches or less.

That covers most of the work many of you hire someone to do routinely. The exception also puts you in the position of hiring folks who may need work because most of what they do is off limits during the shutdown.

If you do clear defensible space, please report what you had done either using the form on the [Firewise Bayside Acres website](#) or emailing the work description and cost to the Firewise Bayside Acres committee at FireWiseChair@baysideacres.org.

Reporting your work will contribute to Bayside Acres being designated a Firewise neighbor by the National Fire Protection Association. You will also receive an email confirmation from us as evidence that the work was for fire prevention.

Many thanks to those of you who stepped up in our first year of operation and reported more than a quarter of a million dollars invested in mitigating wildfire vulnerability. You made all of us safer. And the more of us who follow that example the safer we all will be.

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