

FIRST NOTICE – March 18, 2026

Sierra Springs Owners Association Fire Safety Prevention Rules

A 'Fire Wise Community' (tell your Insurance Company)

This communication is the **1st Notice of Fire Safety Requirements** to all Sierra Springs Property Owners.

Sierra Springs Owners Association (SSOA) considers fire safety and fire prevention a top priority. Each year, volunteer members of the SSOA Fire Safety Committee evaluate as many properties as is feasible for the number of properties versus the number of volunteers.

As a reminder: Owners are eligible, twice a calendar year, to use the free grant funded chipping program which is available at edcfiresafe.org. Burn permits can be obtained from Cal Fire at burnpermit.fire.ca.gov.

NOTE: Dumpsters will be provided on **May 2, 2026**, at both SSOA pool sites, for free disposal of pine needles and leaves provided through grant funding to the Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safe Council (SSRFSC). *A big thanks to the SSRFSC!*

- **Beginning June 1, 2026, Defensible Space Evaluators will begin defensible space evaluations** in Sierra Springs.
- **Prior to evaluation, you are expected to either: 1) bring your property into compliance with the Fire Prevention Safety Rules; or 2) submit a signed vendor contract for completion of the required work.**
- **If the requirements of the SSOA Fire Prevention Safety Rules (SSOA Rules) are not met** by the time your property is evaluated, **you will receive a Second Notice**. Evaluators will be using the SSRFSC Evaluation Form (available on the SSOA website), which you may refer to for assistance in bringing your property into compliance.
- **During the evaluation, if it is noted that the property does not meet criteria SOLELY due to the recent storm damage, the evaluator will note this fact on the evaluation form and going forward the evaluation and any followup will be handled by the SSOA Board Members instead of the Fire Safety Administrator.**
- **August 1st Fines start. The Second Notice will include a mandatory completion date. This Notice will also include a hearing date with the SSOA Board of Directors, during which time the SSOA Board of Directors will discuss disciplinary action if: 1) the mandatory completion date has not been met; or (2) a newly signed vendor contract is not in place. It is normal for disciplinary action to include a \$100 monthly fine and the loss of membership privileges until acceptable compliance is met.**
- **Owners are responsible for requesting a 2nd evaluation(s) to verify their property is compliant.** Owners are expected to maintain compliance with the SSOA Rules throughout the year. Fire Season is no longer limited to the summer months. Maintaining compliance is not a "once and done" approach. For example, cleaning your roof and gutters may need to be done weekly to comply with the law.
- Owners who fall out of compliance at any time or fail to follow-through with their vendor commitment will receive one additional Notice inviting the owner to a scheduled SSOA Board of Director's Hearing.

The SSOA Fire Safety Prevention Rules and the SSRFSC Defensible Space Evaluation Form are available for download on the SSOA website at www.sierraspringsowners.org. Copies can also be sent, upon request, via email or USPS. Contact firesafety@sierraspringsowners.org. It is the owner's responsibility to: 1) understand the SSOA Rules; 2) fully comply with the law and the rules; and 3) advise their tenants or occupants of the requirements.

The SSRFSC and Evaluators are available to assist owners with questions or concerns. Contact the SSOA Manager, Shelly Thompson, at (530) 644-2182 or info@sierraspringsowners.org with your questions, concerns, or for further information.

Board of Directors - Sierra Springs Owners Association