



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council 2018 Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP)

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Please use this SNAP request only if you need special assistance to prepare for chipping.

For 2018, the eligible Communities at Risk from wildfires are Cupertino, East Foothills, Gilroy, Lexington Hills, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Martin, Saratoga, Stanford, parts of San Jose, and adjacent fire prone Wildland Urban Interface areas in Santa Clara County. Call (408) 975-9591 if you have questions or to determine if you are eligible for this program.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CA Zip: _____

Nearest Cross Street: _____ Email: _____

How large is your property? _____ Fire Department: _____

Are you the property owner? ___ Yes, ___ No. Owner Name (if different)? _____

Age: _____ Monthly Income: _____ Sources: _____

Are you disabled? ___ Yes, ___ No. How did you hear about us? _____

Please tell us about the work that needs to be done:

- I have heavy brush growing around my home and need assistance clearing brush 30-100 feet around my home.
- I have many small trees that need thinning surrounding my home.
- I have tall grasses which need mowing growing around my home.
- I have a large accumulation of leaves or needles that need to be removed up to 30 feet around my home.
- Other _____

Sign on the back of this application and return both pages. Please attach a copy of your last tax return (required) and, if applicable, evidence of disability.

Fax both pages of this form to (408) 624-9316 or scan and e-mail to DSChip@SCCFireSafe.org or mail to SCFSC at 2053 Lincoln Avenue, Suite B, San Jose, CA 95125.

Check here for a ___ Free PG&E Power Line inspection. Contact your local Fire Department for Defensible Space inspections.

This Defensible Space Assistance Program is a free service and donations do not affect project selection. SCFSC programs are supported by grants and donations and SCFSC appreciates contributions of any amount so we can continue providing free education and services.

My donation of ___ \$25, ___ \$50 or other _____ is included with this request.

I certify this information to be true and correct and that I am over 65 or disabled, under the low-income limitations and have no other financial means to hire a contractor to create my Defensible Space.

I have completed the first page of this form and I own or am the legal occupier of the property with full authority for authorizing the services that will be performed, and hereby agree and consent to Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council (“SCFSC”) entering my property for purposes of arranging for the performance of services of any type in connection with this program.

1. I agree to allow SCFSC and a contractor(s) designated by SCFSC under this program access onto my property.
2. I agree that:
 - Any chipped material will be blown back onto my property unless otherwise arranged with SCFSC and the contractor and that I must comply with their decisions on where chips are deposited.
 - Tree trunks and limbs that the SCFSC contractor determines are too large to be chipped will be cut up and left on my property.
 - Trees will be cut off above ground level and stumps will be left in the ground.
 - Schedules are determined by the contractor and that I may not be called to arrange for program services on a specific date and time of my choosing.
 - SCFSC is not obligated to provide services under this program and is not liable for its failure to provide for services, nor for the performance of services under this program other than per Paragraph 4 below.
 - SCFSC's funds for this program’s services are limited and that SCFSC may refuse to provide service to anyone.
 - I am responsible for any environmental compliance concerns that arise in connection with the services provided by SCFSC under this program (for more information, see www.SCCFireSafe.org/santa-clara-county-fuel-reduction-programs).
3. I understand that 100 feet of Defensible Space around my home (or to my property line) is required by law (www.calfire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_100feet.php).
4. In consideration of my accepting SCFSC’s Special Needs Assistance Program’s free services on behalf of myself, any spouse of mine, successors in interest, and assigns (collectively “me” or “I”), I agree to waive, release, and refrain from suing SCFSC and its officers, directors, participants, coordinators, employees, independent contractors, and volunteers (collectively “SCFSC Parties”) for any and all liability claims for injury, death, loss, damage, and/or destruction of any property which is connected in any way with SCFSC Parties’ Special Needs Assistance Program’s free services, except for those arising out of SCFSC Parties’ willful misconduct. Any third party service providers who perform the actual service of chipping and/or creating the Defensible Space on my property, are not covered by my above-stated waiver.
5. Further, I agree the decisions on creating and/or maintaining a Defensible Space on my property are mine alone and I accept the risk of any increased likelihood of the risk of erosion, mudslide, road, and/or hillside destabilization and other damage associated with my decision in creating and/or maintaining a Defensible Space through brush, tree, and other vegetation removal on my property. I understand that creating a Defensible Space does not guarantee that my home will be protected during a wildfire.
6. I have read this application, understand its terms, and voluntarily have entered into these agreements.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a copy of prior year’s tax return (required) and, if applicable, evidence of disability.

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