



Week dedicated to increasing fire awareness

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Governor Guinn has proclaimed May 20-26 as Nevada Wildland Fire Awareness Week. This statewide event was designed to raise the awareness of the threat of wildfire throughout Nevada. As we well know in Carson City, it is not a question of if, but of when, the next wildfire will threaten our communities. The goal of this statewide campaign is to encourage people to work together and be proactive to reduce the threat of wildfire to our homes and neighborhoods.

There are six chapters of the Nevada Fire Safe Council in Carson City - Clear Creek, Kings Canyon, Timberline, Lakeview, Mexican Dam/Pinion Hills, and North Carson. These neighbors have been striving to make each of their neighborhoods more fire safe.

During Wildland Fire Awareness Week, the Timberline and Lakeview chapters will conduct a fuels reduction project, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 20 and 21, with free curbside pickup provided by the Carson City Fire Department.

There will be two dump trailers in Timberline on Saturday and one dump trailer in the neighborhood on Sunday. In Lakeview, there will be one dump trailer on Saturday and two on Sunday.

If you live in one of these neighborhoods and have plant material fuels you would like to get rid of, please call University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252, to sign up. Participants must be on the prearranged list in order to have their woody debris removed. Homeowners must load the materials into the trailers themselves.

Cooperative Extension and Nevada Division of Forestry are also sponsoring a "Junk the Junipers" project. Homeowners can exchange flammable plants close to their homes for less flammable selections.

We have been growing several plant choices at the NDF nursery that will be available, including black-eyed Susans, Indian blanket flower, snow-in-summer, globe mallow, lupine, sulfur buckwheat, and penstemon.

Bring your junipers or other flammable plants to the Carson City office of University of

Nevada Cooperative Extension, Suite 15, during the following times to receive your replacement plants: 9 a.m.Ð4 p.m. on May 22; 3Ð7 p.m. on May 23 and 24; or noonÐ4 p.m. on May 25.

Finally, I will be conducting a walking tour on firescaping, landscape design for wildfire defense at 6 p.m. May 22 in North Carson City, starting at 1390 Jefferson St.

For more information on Nevada Wildland Fire Awareness Week or on how you can make your home more fire safe, call me at 887-2252, or check out our wildfire Web site, [www.livingwithfire.info](http://www.livingwithfire.info).

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