

## FireFree Spring Clean Up starts this weekend

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This weekend marks the start of the FireFree Free Clean Up Days in Central Oregon. Are you prepared for wildfire? FireFree encourages residents to get prepared for the upcoming wildfire season by cleaning up their yards and creating defensible space around their homes. In addition to cleaning up yard waste that has accumulated over the past year, and removing flammable vegetation, residents are encouraged to prune trees that present a hazard and clear any flammable vegetation that encroaches on the minimum 30-foot buffer zone "the FireFree Zone", around homes and other structures. FireFree allows residents of Central Oregon the opportunity to recycle yard waste and debris at no charge at area landfills and transfer stations in Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. This is also a good time to relocate wood piles and leftover building materials that may spread wildfire; and cut any dry grass and weeds that are over 4" in height. All of these efforts will help in reducing the risk of loss from wildfires within our communities. Mark your calendars and take advantage of these free clean up days! April 21st through April 29th at Knott Landfill in Bend. May 5th & 6th at Deschutes County Transfer Sites: Negus Transfer Station in Redmond Fryrear Transfer Station in Cloverdale La Pine Transfer Station in La Pine May 5th & 6th at the Sunriver Compost Site in Sunriver. April 21st - 22nd and April 28th - 29th at Box Canyon in Madras. Visit [www.FireFree.org](http://www.FireFree.org) for more information.

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