



# Centerville CSD

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## 24" Main Line Installation is Complete!

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the construction of the 24" Main along Placer Road. Sunrise Excavation installed approximately 1,445-feet of 24-inch ductile-iron pipe. As included in the District's Water Master Plan, this new pipeline will provide additional capacity. Funding for the project came from capacity fees collected from the sale of new water meters.

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## Have You Signed Up For EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS?

July 23rd marked one year since the Carr Fire. As a result of this event, many of us learned about Code Red and SHASCOM. Receiving vital information during an emergency may not only save a life, it also ensures us that we are not alone and that there are individuals out there working to protect us.

Centerville CSD is working in collaboration with SHASCOM 9-1-1 to use their services for important District-wide notifications. We ask that if you have not already signed up with SHASCOM 9-1-1 or Code Red that you do it now. We also ask that you sign up for the District Alerts on our website: [www.centervillecsd.org](http://www.centervillecsd.org). Don't wait for the next disaster, sign up today.

SHASCOM 9-1-1, the county-wide 9-1-1 center uses CODE RED, an emergency citizen notification system for cell phones. Once you register your cell phone number, you will be able to receive emergency public safety warnings and alerts on behalf of law enforcement, the fire department and public health. These messages are critical community alerts which can include missing child reports, evacuation notices and other emergency notifications.

Did you cut your landline and now only have cell service? To register your cell phone, go to the SHASCOM 9-1-1 website, [www.shascom911.com](http://www.shascom911.com), and choose "Citizen Notification" near the top of the page. You can also access the links from the District's website. While registering you can choose to either receive a text or a voice message. TDD/TTY devices (telephones for the hearing impaired) may also be registered. You do not need to register your landline phone, as this data is already in the SHASCOM 9-1-1 system.

# Firescaping and Hardening Your Home

## Defensible Space, Do You Have It?

### What is Firescaping?

Firescaping is landscape design that reduces house and property vulnerability to wildfire. The goal is to develop a landscape with a design and choice of plants that offer the best defensible space and enhance the property. The ideal is to surround the house with things that are less likely to burn. It is imperative when building homes in wildfire prone areas that fire safety be a major factor in landscape design. Appropriate manipulation of the landscape can make a significant contribution toward wildfire survival.

Firescape integrates traditional landscape functions and a design that reduces the threat from wildfire. It does not need to look different than a traditional design. In addition to meeting a homeowner's aesthetic desires and functional needs such as entertaining, playing, storage, and erosion control – firescape also includes planting for fire safety, vegetation modification techniques, use of fire safety zones, and defensible space principles.

### **Avoid Evergreens Near the House**

The traditional foundation planting of junipers is not a viable solution in a firescape design. Minimize use of evergreen shrubs and trees within 30 feet of a structure, because junipers, other conifers, and broadleaf evergreens contain oils, resins, and waxes that make these plants burn with great intensity. Use ornamental grasses and berries sparingly because they also can be highly flammable. Choose “fire smart” plants. These are plants with a high moisture content. They are low growing. Their stems and leaves are not resinous, oily, or waxy.

Deciduous trees are generally more fire resistant than evergreens because they have a higher moisture content when in leaf, a lower fuel volume when dormant, and typically do not contain flammable oils.



*Choose “fire smart” plants*

Placement and maintenance of trees and shrubs is as important as actual plant selection. When planning tree placement in the landscape, remember the tree's size at maturity. Keep tree limbs at least 15 feet from chimneys, power lines, and structures. Specimen trees can be used near a structure if pruned properly and well irrigated.

### Harden Your Home

Flying embers can destroy homes up to a mile from a wildfire. “Harden” your home now before a fire starts by using ember-resistant building materials. Here are some things you can do to harden your home and make it more fire resistant.

#### **Roof**

The roof is the most vulnerable part of your home. Homes with wood or shingle roofs are at high risk of being destroyed during a wildfire. Build your roof or re-roof with materials such as composition, metal or tile. Block any spaces between roof decking and covering to prevent embers from catching.

#### **Decks**

Surfaces within 10 feet of the building should be built with ignition-resistant\*, non-combustible, or other approved materials. Wooden decks should be replaced with composite decking. Some manufacturers are Timbertech or Trex decking. Ensure that all combustible items are removed from underneath your deck.

#### **Rain Gutters**

Screen or enclose rain gutters to prevent accumulation of plant debris.

### *Average Water Usage*

Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District. July's Average: 7,200 cubic - feet.

### **SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:**

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 pm, at the District Office.

*The public is always welcome.*