



CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

<https://www.crestfsc.com/>

January-February 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for these important community dates! All meetings are held at the CCA Clubhouse: 113 N Park Drive.

- **Jan 14 (Wed) starting @ 6 PM:** Sunrise Powerlink Grant Presentation (Assistance with applications).
 - **Feb 7 (Sat) @ 9 AM-1 PM:** FREE Red Cross Smoke Alarm & Home Hardening Event.
 - **Feb 18 (Wed) @ 6-7 PM:** Crest Firewise Community Info Session.
 - **Feb 22 (Sun) @ 3-4 PM:** Crest Firewise Community Info Session (Repeat).
 - **Save the Dates (Trash & Chipping):** Planning is underway for March 28, July 11, and Oct 3.
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SUNRISE POWERLINK FIRE MITIGATION GRANTS

Apply for up to \$2,696.80 starting January 2, 2026!

Eligible homeowners can apply for funding to meet PRC 4291 compliance or for structure hardening.

- **Grant Categories:** Defensible Space, Structure Hardening, Priority Vents, and Priority Zone Zero.
 - **Workshop:** Join us **January 14 at 6 PM** at the CCA Clubhouse. A **Brandguard Vents** representative will be on-site to answer questions.
 - **Limit:** One grant award per parcel for the 2026 year.
 - **Questions?** Call the Grants Program at **619-722-7512**
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FREE SMOKE ALARM & HOME HARDENING VISITS

Saturday, February 7 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The American Red Cross and San Miguel Fire & Rescue are visiting up to 40 homes in Crest!

- **Smoke Alarms:** Free installation of standard or specialized (hearing/vision impaired) alarms.
 - **Wildfire Walkthrough:** Personalized advice on hardening your home. Participants receive a **FREE Red Cross backpack** and starter kit.
 - **Privacy:** This is educational only; no findings are reported to outside agencies.
 - **Sign Up:** Email Diana Griffin at queenieglass@gmail.com by **Jan 23**.
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CREST IS NOW A FIREWISE USA® COMMUNITY!

We are officially recognized as a Firewise USA® neighborhood! This status helps us work together to reduce risk and **can qualify you for homeowner insurance discounts**.

- **Download your Certificate:** crestfsc.com/crest
 - **Stay Certified:** To maintain this status, we need you to log your estimated annual yard work hours at the link above. It only takes a minute!
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FREE VEGETATION & CHIPPING PROGRAMS

CAL FIRE 3-Year Chipping Grant

Crest was one of only two communities in San Diego County to receive this grant! We will host **10 chipping days each year (2026-2028)** to help you dispose of cleared brush right at your curb. Watch your email for registration details.

Roadside Clearing Program

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) is offering **FREE** roadside brush and dead tree clearance (up to 20 feet from the road).

- **Action Required:** Fill out the "Right of Entry" form at crestfsc.com/documents and email it to queenieglass@gmail.com.
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & UTILITIES

- **Reflective Address Markers:** We still have 100 free reflective signs left! Get yours (plus a free T-post) by filling out the form at crestfsc.com/documents.
- **ONECALLNOW:** Ensure your phone/email is updated for emergency alerts at crestfsc.com/about-contact. We are currently upgrading to include WhatsApp/Text alerts!
- **PACE Map:** Download your Emergency Evacuation P.A.C.E. map (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, Emergency) at crestfsc.com/evacuation-info.
- **Street Signs:** Installation for non-county roads begins soon. Email Diana if you'd like to volunteer to help!