



## CREST FIRE SAFE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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May - June 2026

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Keeping Crest safe starts with all of us. Check out this month's updates on clean-up events, grant deadlines, and free resources to harden your home against wildfire.

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📅 **UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS** - Mark your calendars for these important community dates! All meetings are held at the CCA Clubhouse: 113 N Park Drive

- **May 13 @ 6PM** – Brenda Caloca, Outreach Analyst from the California Dept of Insurance (DOI) will provide presentation on DOI legislative updates and Assembly Bill 888 – the California Safe Homes Grant Program that provides financial assistance to homeowners for wildfire safety updates (new roofs, defensible space, home hardening)
  - **June 17 @ 6 PM: Sunrise Powerlink Grant Presentation on Priority Grants – Vents and Zone Zero** (Assistance with applications is available).
  - **June 24 @ 6-7 PM: Crest Firewise Community Info Session.**
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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 reimbursement to meet California regulations to comply with defensible space or structure hardening. This is your opportunity to apply for reimbursement toward ember resistant Vents and Zone Zero improvements – 0-5 feet around your home (such as weed abatement, removal of combustible plants, replacement of wood gates for fire resistant gates). If you did not receive one of the previous defensible space or home hardening grants, you can still apply for the Vents or Zone Zero.

- **Current Grant Category:**
    - Applications due by August 14, 2026 @ 5PM - **Priority Vents, and Priority Zone Zero.**
  - **Limit:** One grant award per parcel for the 2026 year.
  - **Questions?** Call the Grants Program at **619-722-7512**
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## **FREE HOME ASSESSMENT AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE ASSISTANCE**

- **Fire Safe Council of San Diego County** – Crest has been selected as one of the areas that can receive a **FREE Home Assessment Program (HAP)** – residential wildfire assessment and Defensible Space Assistance Program.

You can sign up directly at on their website

<https://firesafesdcounty.org/hap/>

<https://firesafesdcounty.org/dsap/>

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## **CREST IS 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](https://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!
  - **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – 2 May**
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## FREE VEGETATION, CLEAN-UP & CHIPPING PROGRAMS

### Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Community Grant

- Crest FSC has received a community grant to provide trash bins for 3 clean up days in 2026.
- First one was 3/21/2026. We had four 40cuft trash bins and collected 15.25 TONS of debris from 53 residents.
- Next two will be on July 11 and October 3. We will be sending out details in June to sign up for the July event.

### 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. We held our first curbside chipping event the week of 3/21-27. We had 36 residents participate and collected/distributed approximately 60 cu yds of chipped material.
- Next curbside chipping event will be scheduled of October/early November. Please keep an eye out for the registration email.
- **Roadside Clearing Program**
- The Resource Conservation District (RCD) is offering **FREE** roadside brush and dead tree clearance (up to 20 feet from the road).
- We collected the Right of Entry form for properties on – Highline Drive, Scottford Drive, S. Park, Dormae, South Lane, Loma Vista, Rancho Meadowcrest, Vista Del Coronados, Lila, Mountain Top Dr, Alta Lane, Albatross, and Gibson Highland.
- Submitted forms to RCD and working with contractor to initiate quote and schedule work.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & UTILITIES

- **Free Reflective Address Markers:** 30 signs remaining! Includes a free 4' green metal T-post. Request form at [crestfsc.com/documents](https://crestfsc.com/documents).
- **Evacuation Maps: Download your P.A.C.E. (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, Emergency) map at [crestfsc.com/evacuation-info](https://crestfsc.com/evacuation-info).**

- **Street Signs: Installation for non-county roads are complete.** We are also petitioning the County to replace faded, non-reflective signs on all other roads.
- **KnoxBox for Automatic Gates:** Are you in compliance with San Miguel Fire Ord. Sec. 503.6 regarding automatic gates? If you need an approved emergency key-switch/override, email [queenieglass@gmail.com](mailto:queenieglass@gmail.com) for information.
- **United Policyholders' Monthly Zoom** – January 2026 Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection (WRAP) Working Group Meeting. Presentation – “Wildfire Science: From Lab to Field – The 2025 LA Conflagrations” and Zone 0. Watch the presentation at <https://www.crestfsc.com/resources-1> Other informational Zooms sessions are also linked at <https://www.crestfsc.com/helpful-links>.
- **ONECALLNOW:** Ensure your phone/email is updated for emergency alerts at [crestfsc.com/about-contact](https://crestfsc.com/about-contact) We are looking to upgrade to include WhatsApp/Text alerts!
- **American Red Cross:** FREE Home assessment and Smoke Detector Program are still available please sign up directly at <https://americanredcross.wufoo.com/forms/zzv3jra171ujym/>
- **26-27 SAFE Grant** – CFSC will be applying for the SAFE grant in May to request funds to do outreach/education for fire safety @ Crest School in 26-27 with San Miguel Fire & Rescue and to purchase a weatherproof bulletin board for the CCA Clubhouse.