HAVE YOUR "GO-BAGS" READY TO GO AND IN A HANDY LOCATION. IF YOU WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME HAVE ONE IN YOUR CAR. Move your propane tank away from structures



PULL AND BAG INVASIVE WEEDS SUCH AS RUSSIAN THISTLE (TUMBLEWEEDS) AND STAR THISTLE (BARNABY THISTLE). TAKE TO LAND FILL.



Work on clearing Home Ignition Zone # One

## Sun Mountain Ranch Club Firewise Newsletter



## **Community Barbecue**

Remember that community BBQ we had last May? It was so much fun last year. Let's do it again!

This year our BBQ will be held on May 18, from noon to 3:00, at the Larkspur Park. We will provide the brats, buns and some sides and you can bring whatever you'd like to share - salads, beans, fruit, desserts, drinks - whatever! This BBQ is for our Sun Mountain Ranch Club residents and their immediate families only please. Please be sure to RSVP to <u>SMRCfirewise@gmail.com</u> soon.

We think there were enough seats for everyone last year but it can't hurt if you throw a lawn chair or two into the back of your car.

And just like last year, we will have some drawings for door prizes! And as a special event, SMRC's very own Tim Delph, will be doing a chainsaw safety demonstration. Even if you've been using a chainsaw for many years, we can all use a review of current best safety practices to make sure we haven't developed any bad habits.



## Upcoming Yard Waste Disposal

This year we have 2 yard waste disposal options available.

The first will run from May 16 to May 22. This is for soft vegetation only please. That's things like grass clippings, leaves, wood chips, pine cones and pine needles. Small twigs are acceptable but no large branches please.

Unlike past years, the dumpster will remain open the entire time it is here at the garbage area. You may dump your soft vegetation at your convenience. This also means there won't be any Firewise volunteers available to help unload. If you need assistance with unloading, please make arrangements with a friend or neighbor.

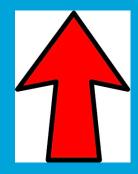
The second yard waste disposal option we have this year is curbside chipping. This will occur on May 22 starting at 8:00AM. This is for large branches only please. The size maximum is 10" in diameter and 6' long. Please have your branches stacked in 3'x3' piles at the end of your driveway closest to the road with the cut ends facing the road. Please do not tie them up or bind them in any way.

Sign up using the information to the right to ensure your piles gets chipped!



To sign up for the driveway chipping you **MUST** scan the QR code below, visit their website (<u>www.okanogancd.org</u>) **or** call them at 509-429-4326.





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To check out the pole saw go to the "Contact the SMRC Firewise Committee" link under the Firewise tab on the SMRC website.