

# FIRE RESISTANT HOME CONSTRUCTION

Yuba County - Community Development and Services Agency – 915 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Msvl



## FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Loma Rica Lion's Club

December 12, 2017 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

A free public workshop will be held on December 12, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Loma Rica Lion's Club to discuss how to rebuild homes and structures that are fire resistant. The workshop will be co-presented by the following:

- Kate Wilkin, the Forest and Fire Advisor with UC Cooperative Extension
- Martha Burke, Yuba Watershed and Fire Safe Council Coordinator; and
- Cal Fire Battalion Chief (to be announced)

Citizens are encouraged to review the preparedness information posted on the Yuba County Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council website at:

<http://yubafiresafe.org/improving-homes-fire-safety/>

A home can be exposed to fire in 3 different ways:

1. *Burning embers* that can be carried up to two miles ahead of the fire;
2. *Direct flame contact* from burning buildings, plants, and outside decorations; and
3. *Radiant heat* given off by nearby burning fuels.

**You can reduce the chance of your home burning.** Start from the home and work outwards;

- Build **fire resistant structures** by using fire resistant designs and materials, and provide regular maintenance.
- Keep the **home ignition zone**, up to five feet away from home and deck, clear of flammable materials.
- Create and maintain **signage and access for fire fighters and for your evacuation.**
- Create and maintain 100 ft. minimum of **defensible space** around your home. Maintain up to 200 ft. of defensible space if the structure is on a steep slope covered with trees and shrubs.

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