

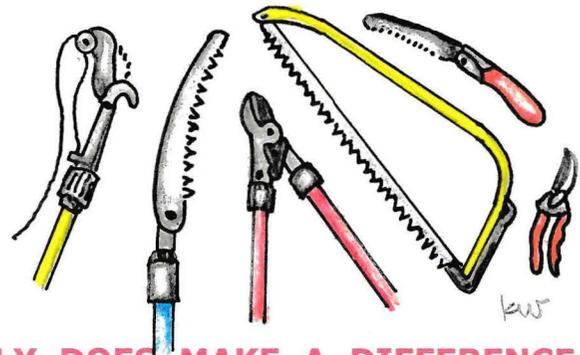
TOOLS for HOMESTEAD FIRE SAFETY and SUPPRESSION

Homestead Fire Safety begins with reducing vegetation to create "Defensible Space". Trim up trees to 10' above ALL buildings; 15' above driveways; and 10' above ground level (except smaller trees: trim up to 1/3 of height). Thin out vegetation to reduce "Ladder Fuels", but keep shade where possible to minimize shrubby regrowth. Keep forest duff & grasses down to a 4" max. height within 100' of your home.



Initially, this work usually requires power tools such as chainsaws, power brush cutters, and pole saws; and sometimes, heavy equipment.

But, maintenance of these areas often only requires hand tools: bow saw/folding saw, hand pruners, loppers, and pole pruner/saw.



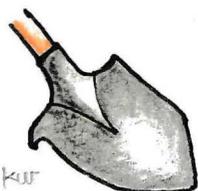
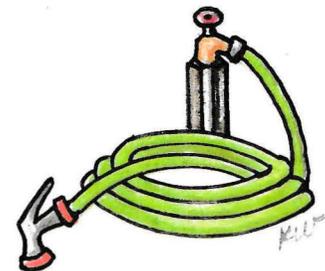
100' OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Always be prepared for the occasional small fire ... It happens, even to the best of us. Equip your homestead with these fire suppression tools for your own - and others' - use. Your neighbors and VFDs will thank you when they come to help.



Fire Extinguishers – Keep several multi-purpose units in handy locations through-out your home & outbuildings. Store a small one in each of your vehicles. Consider buying the rechargeable types. Label with expiration date.

Hoses – Have multiple garden hoses always set up and ready to go during fire season. Equip with strong stream garden nozzles. They should be long enough to reach all around & inside your house as well as the roof.



Shovel – Never underestimate the value of a few scoops of dirt to quickly smother a small blaze or spot fire, but do NOT try to bury logs or stumps, they will probably rekindle. Be sure to follow up with water.

McLeod – THE premium tool for cutting a “Fire Line” (down to mineral soil) around a burn pile or small fire to keep it from spreading. This combo rake / hoe is also good for general clean-up before & after a fire.



Backpack Pump – Metal, poly, or light weight poly fabric with a 5 gallon capacity. The easy-to-use sliding hand pump sprays up to 20’. A small squirt of liquid soap makes water more effective. Keep full and ready to go!

Fire Hydrant – Standpipe with a 1½” or 2½” hose valve. Locate ~50’ from your house and easily accessible for fire trucks. Store 100’ of 1½” fire hose & nozzle in a 5 gal. bucket adjacent to the hydrant for your own use. Add a hose bibb to the standpipe for a quicker response to a small fire.



*If you find yourself in a fire situation, **Call 911** and/or use your car horn to alert neighbors. When you have the proper gear, tools and training, there’s a lot you can do to slow or even stop a small fire. First and foremost, consider your own safety! Protect yourself with non-synthetic clothing (long sleeves and pants), and an outer layer of flame resistant Nomex clothing, leather boots and gloves, helmet/hard hat, goggles/glasses, bandana/respirator mask, and headlamp/flashlight.*

Southern Humboldt Suppliers

Please support our local businesses ... All of them have most of what you need. However, Power Tools are only currently available at 1,3; McLeods at 1,3,7,9; Backpack Pumps at 2,3; and Fire Hoses, Nozzles,& Valves at 2,8,9.

1. Dazey’s Supply	690	Thomas Rd. Garberville	923-2781
2. Dazey’s Building Center	3082	Redwood Dr. Redway	923-3002
3. Milt’s Saw Shop	363	Sprowl Crk. Rd. Garberville	923-2609
4. New Harris General Store	5720	Bell Springs Rd. Harris	923-7072
5. Redway Feed & Garden	290	Briceland Rd. Redway	923-2765
6. Redway True Value	100	Murrish Ln. Redway	923-4200
7. Sylvandale Gardens	1151	Evergreen Rd. Redway	923-3606
8. Whitethorn Construction	545	Shelter Cove Rd. Whitethorn	986-7416
9. Wyckoff’s Plumbing	1341	Evergreen Rd. Redway	923-2258