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Community Clean-up for Wildfire Safety is underway

As a result of two community meetings held last winter, four projects are underway to improve wildfire safety in the Hayward hills. Contractors from Art Cuevas Landscaping and Pacheco Brothers Landscaping are clearing dead brush and pruning trees along Campus Drive, on East Trail near the Oakes and Durham gates and in the open space below homes on Halifax Place.

Residents are doing their part by cleaning up their own yards and using the no cost residential chipper service to dispose of the cut materials. The service is available on a first-come, first-serve basis to residents in the high fire hazard areas. The free chipper service is running through the week of May 15th. For more information and to register for the chipper service go to the Hayward Fire Departments web site at <http://www.hayward-ca.gov/departments/fire/sfire.shtm> and open the links to **“Free Residential Chipper Program”** and **“Request for Chipping”** files.

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