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Today's UCCE in Marin

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MMG Fire-smart Landscaping Advisor

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Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who share knowledge and skills with the public. As non-paid members of the University of California Cooperative Extension, we answer inquiries and provide research-based information on home horticulture, pest management, wildfire and sustainable landscape practices.

“Advice to Grow By ... Ask Us!”

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources UCCE Master Gardener Program
UCANR Fire Education Programs

• UCANR long history of fire education programs
• Early 2019:
  – formation of UCANR Fire Near Homes working group
  – Marin Master Gardeners (MMG) adapt fire education program from the Sonoma Master Gardeners and name it, Fire-smart Landscaping
• Steering Committee with 10 MMG volunteers formed
• UC ANR and UCCE subject matter experts
Fire-smart Landscaping Content

- Planning
- Maintenance

- Creating defensible space – fuel reduction
- Plant choices, spacing
- Plant care
- Topography – fire, plants/trees and slopes
- Horticultural best practices
- Protecting and encouraging wildlife
Topics we do not address

- Evacuation
- Home hardening
- Fire codes
- Community preparedness
Fire-smart Landscaping Presentations

- Speaking Engagements
- County Libraries
- FIRESafe Marin
- Firewise Communities
- City Councils
- Berkeley Botanical Garden
- CA Native Plant Society
- Rotary Clubs
- Woman’s Clubs
- Home Owner Assoc.

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Websites: UCANR Statewide
https://ucanr.edu/sites/fire/
Websites: UCCE Marin County
http://marinmg.ucanr.edu/BASICS/FIRESMARTLANDSCAPING/

- Planning and Maintaining a Fire-smart Landscape
- Multiple objectives and co-benefits for the landscape
- Horticultural best practices
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Master Gardener YouTube Channel

- 6-minute video on planning and maintaining a Fire-smart Landscape
- Available on Master Gardener website and YouTube channels

- YouTube channels state-wide and local

- Video Titles
  - Fire-smart Landscaping
  - Eliminating Spanish broom
  - Reducing vulnerability of buildings to wildfire
  - A Fire-smart landscape is a healthy landscape

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Yes, you can have a beautiful, fire-smart landscape

Ready for fire season?
Spring is a good time to prepare your property

Give ’em space
Plant spacing is important for healthy, fire-smart gardens

It starts at home
6 ways to plan for a fire-smart landscape in 2021
Publications - Tips

• 150-word single topic, affordable, actionable tips

• Distributed through Facebook, NextDoor, FIRESafe Marin website & newsletter, city newsletters, fire agency newsletters
Publications: Leaflet

• MMG quarterly e-newsletter
• Seasonal advice
• Over 3,300 subscribers
• 40% click thru
California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Pesticide Regulation

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Val Dolcini, Director
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