

Descriptions of 2024 Fire Abatement Projects in Carmel Views

Here are short descriptions of projects done in 2024 to manage fuels in the common areas of Carmel Views. Most of projects create or maintain fuel breaks between homes and common areas throughout Carmel Views. The rest of the projects deal with trees that fell during winter storms.

In these project descriptions, “ventilating” logs means making a series of cuts halfway through them. The cuts should be spaced 2 to 3 feet apart. Only logs that are at least 6 inches in diameter and at least 3 feet long need to be ventilated. To avoid creating short rounds that can tumble down a hillside, none of the cuts should go more than halfway through the logs. The cuts provide a way for water and insects to get into the interior of the logs and increase the rate at which they decompose.

Projects

4A: Clear grass and brush from a hillside in common area 1. The hillside extends from Outlook Drive to an access road for the CalAm water tank. It is west of the house at 24755 Outlook Drive. Pull any genista on the hillside before cutting the grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Cut down any dead trees. Remove and chip their branches. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground.

4B: Cut and remove brush from a 30-foot strip in the middle of common area 1 along the north and east sides of 4 houses extending from 24755 Outlook Drive to 24795 Outlook Drive. Access is from a service road to the CalAm water tank and from the southeast corner of 24795 Outlook Drive. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Remove low limbs from any trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and chip their branches. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

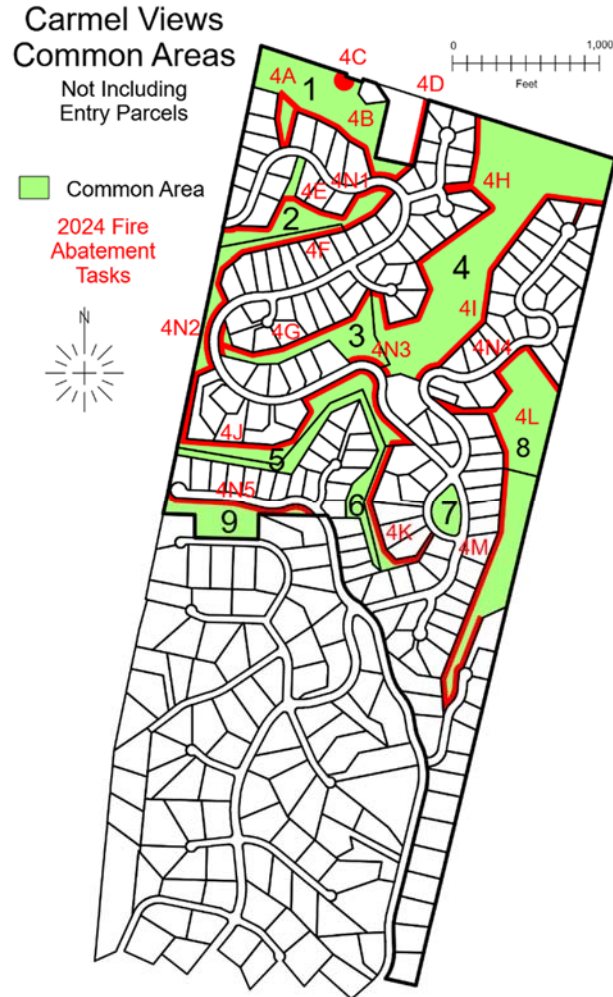
4C: Mow a field of grass in common area 1 near the CalAm water tank at the northern boundary of Carmel Views. The field is approximately one acre.

4D: Cut brush on the eastern side of a canyon at the northern boundary of Carmel Views. The canyon is east of common area 1. Cut brush in a 30-foot strip behind a row of 5 houses on Outlook Court. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Break up the cut brush into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4E: Cut brush on the northern side of common area 2 from the eastern boundary of Carmel Views to the northeast corner of 24790 Outlook Drive. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip below (i.e., south of) six houses or lots on Outlook Drive. Access is from either end of the strip. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Break up the cut brush into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4F: Cut brush on the southern side of common area 2. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip below (i.e., north of) 12 houses or lots from 24980 Outlook Drive to 24800 Outlook Drive. Access is from the northern side of the canyon and the common area west of 24980 Outlook Drive. To the extent possible, clear the strip on common land below private property boundaries. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Break up the cut brush into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4G: Cut and remove brush in a 30-foot strip south and east of the sewer road in common area 3. The strip extends from Outlook Terrace to the end of the sewer road at 25005 Outlook Drive. Access is from Outlook Terrace. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Cut and remove tree branches up to a height of 15 feet from any trees in the strip. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and chip their branches. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.



4H: Cut brush on the western side of common area 4. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip from the northwest corner of 24909 Outlook Terrace to the northern boundary of Carmel Views and in an 80-foot strip of land between 24837 Outlook Court and 24843 Outlook Place. Access is from Outlook Terrace and the 80-foot strip of land. Pull any genista in the strips before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Break up the cut brush into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Remove low limbs from trees in the strips up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strips, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4I: Cut brush on the eastern side of common area 4. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip from the eastern boundary of Carmel Views to a wood guardrail on Pine Hills Drive near the CalAm water tanks. Access is from a 20-foot strip of land at the end of Pine Hills Drive, the common driveway south of 25060 Pine Hills Drive, and the guardrail near the water tanks. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Break up the cut brush into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4J: Cut brush in the western end of common area 5 and below (i.e., south and east of) a sewer road in common area 5. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip from Outlook Drive to the western end of the sewer road. Access is from either end of the strip and from the driveway at 25050 Outlook Drive. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down the hillside. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years. If any logs are less than 2 feet long, cut them diagonally so they cannot roll or tumble down the hill.

4K: Cut brush in common area 6. Cut the brush in a 30-foot strip from Pine Hills Drive to a PG&E service road under their power lines. Access is from either end of the strip. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and chip their branches. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years. If any logs are less than 2 feet long, cut them diagonally so they cannot roll or tumble down the hill.

4L: Cut brush in common area 8 north of the PG&E power lines and next to 25255, 25225, 25205, and 25095 Pine Hills Drive. Cut brush in a 30-foot strip. Access is from the driveway at 25275 Pine Hills Drive, from a trail north of 25255 Pine Hills Drive, and from 25095 Pine Hills Drive. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. Haul out all brush and limbs less than 6 inches in diameter if they are above a house. Otherwise break them into small pieces and scatter them into a canyon. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove their branches and haul out branches less than 6 inches in diameter if they are above a house. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4M: Cut brush in common area 8 south of the PG&E power lines. Cut the brush along the eastern side of a sewer road. The sewer road extends from the southern end of common area 8 to the PG&E power lines at 25275 Pine Hills Drive. Also cut brush in common area 8 within 30 feet the northern end of Canada Valley Drive and within 100 feet of the houses at 25451 and 25455 Canada Valley Drive. Cut brush in a 30-foot strip. Access is from either end of the strip. Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul out or chip any cut brush. Remove low limbs from trees in the 30-foot strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down. Remove and break up their branches into small pieces and scatter them down into the canyon. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.

4N: Cut brush in any common land that is within 30 feet of a public road. In some places the common land is on both sides of the road. Cut brush in a 30-foot strip. This project includes common land on both sides of the road between 24790 and 24800 Outlook Drive (task 4N1), both sides of the road between 24980 and 25000 Outlook Drive (task 4N2), both sides of the road between 25060 and 25288 Outlook Drive (task 4N3), the south side of the road between 25205 and 25905 Pine Hills Drive (task 4N4), and the south side of the road between 4115 and 4205 Canada Court (task 4N5). Pull any genista in the strip before cutting grass and brush. Remove the genista. Haul away any cut brush. If trees in the strip are less than 6 inches in diameter, cut them down and remove them. Remove low limbs from larger trees in the strip up to a height of 15 feet. If there are dead trees in the strip, cut them down and remove their branches. Haul away the branches. Leave the tree trunks oriented up and down the hillside and not suspended above the ground. Ventilate all logs and limbs in the strip that are 6 inches in diameter or more, including logs created by fire abatement projects in previous years.