

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 14, 2014  
**TO:** Trees and Views Committee  
**FROM:** Lilly Schinsing, Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** May/June Tree Tip of the Month

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Recommendation:

1-Review the draft language for May Tree Tip (authored by Committee Member Bickford), make appropriate modifications and approve the Tip for publication; and  
2-Review the draft language for the June Tree Tip and tree tip templates (authored by Committee Member Rosenstein), and make appropriate modifications and direct staff to return at the May meeting with a final draft for the TVC review.

Attachments:

1-Draft May Tree Tip for approval  
2- Draft June Tree Tip for review/comment

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***DRAFT- For Review and Approval on 4/14***

**Sausalito Trees & Views Committee  
Tree Tip for May 2014**

**Keep fires at bay with proper tree maintenance**

**How?**

- **Remove any trees that are sick, dying and have excessive deadwood**
- **Remove, or trim to 3 inches flammable undergrowth and woody debris**
  - **Remove vines, papery bark and hanging debris**

**Examples of highly flammable trees are:**

**Acacia**

**Eucalyptus**

**Fir**

**Pine**

**Spruce**

**Be especially vigilant in maintenance of these plantings**

**Fire Safe Marin ([www.firesafemarin.org](http://www.firesafemarin.org)) has a complete listing of flammable trees and shrubs—consult that site for more information**

# DRAFT JUNE TREE TIP OF THE MONTH

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- Water directly with a hose, 5-gallon bucket or gator bag filled with recycled water rather than a sprinkler.
- Consider recycled water or gray water from your home. Water collected in a bucket from the shower is an option.
- Water in the "drip-zone" – those areas directly beneath the foliage and shaded by the tree.
- Avoid directly irrigating the trunk of the tree as the increased moisture can favor root rot disease.

Source: California Urban Forests Council – Invest From the Ground Up

# Draft Alternative June Tree Tip of the Month

*Tree health issues may occur this spring as a result of the drought.*

- browning or loss of needles on evergreens
- possible discoloration and wilting on deciduous trees as leaves emerge
- damage to roots, twigs, and branches
- cracks or splits in bark
- poor growth

The stress could make your trees prone to long-term damage and insect or disease infestations.

Consider having your trees inspected by a professional to identify and determine treatment.



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