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## Learn to live green at Tahoe

The smoke obscuring Lake Tahoe's awe-inspiring mountains should be a constant reminder for most residents that fire is always a danger in our beautiful basin.

Everyone has a responsibility to keep our homes and our environment safe, but that responsibility falls a little heavier on homeowners and second homeowners who are responsible for the maintenance of their properties.

Defensible space is a vital element of a safe Lake Tahoe and a safe Incline Village/Crystal Bay.

Which is why those homeowners, and other residents and visitors should plan on attending the Red, White and Tahoe Blue's kick-off event "Living Green at Tahoe" Tuesday at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences.

At the event representatives from the Nevada Fire Safe Council will be on hand to demonstrate how different types of siding on homes burn. Also present will be representatives from the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, who will work along with the cooperative extension and NFSC to demonstrate the best way to create and maintain defensible space.

There's also a chance to check out the new grass demonstration plots at the North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden at Sierra Nevada College. Those plots show how defensible space can be protective and beautiful.

Booths at the event will feature tips on living with fire, high altitude gardening, how to construct bear boxes and more.

Learn how to keep Tahoe safe and live green.

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