



Saratoga Dead Tree Removal Cost Share Assistance Program 2022

The City of Saratoga and Saratoga Fire District have provided funds to assist residents with the costs of removing hazardous trees. The Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council (SCCFSC) is managing this program on behalf of the City of Saratoga and Saratoga Fire District. Reimbursement of 50% of contractor costs not to exceed \$1,000 is available to subsidize the cost of removing trees that are dead or dying and pose a fire hazard risk.

Program eligibility requirements:

1. Property must be in the City of Saratoga and/or the Saratoga Fire District.
2. Property must also be within a Wildland Urban Interface area (WUI). You may check your location here: <https://sccfiresafe.org/resources/do-you-reside-in-santa-clara-countys-wildland-urban-interface-wui/>
3. Only one tree removal reimbursement per property/household.
4. Home Ignition Zone Inspection (HIZ): Applicant must have a HIZ inspection completed to be eligible for this program. Sign up for your HIZ assessment on the FireSafe Council website: <https://sccfiresafe.org/prepare/defensible-space-and-hazardous-fuel-reduction-hfr/>. A trained representative of the FireSafe Council will provide the HIZ at no cost and provide applicant with recommendations for defensible space and home hardening.
5. Work must be bid and completed by a tree or landscape contractor licensed in California.
6. Applicant will secure 2 bids, cost share will be based on 50% of the lowest bid, rebate not to exceed \$1,000.
7. Dead Tree Removal Permit: A free permit is required from the City of Saratoga to remove certain dead trees. Submit your application and photos of the dead tree(s) on the City of Saratoga website at www.saratoga.ca.us/trees.
8. If you are in the Saratoga Fire District but NOT within Saratoga City limits, a tree removal permit is not required.
9. Rebate will be provided to homeowner upon project completion with evidence of project completion and payment to contractor.
10. Project must be completed within 30 days of application approval. Thereafter funds will be reallocated to other applicants.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt. Funding is not guaranteed and project approval will depend on project compliance with program criteria. Applicant will plan and execute projects in accordance with State and Local requirements. Upon successful completion of the project SCCFSC will provide a matching reimbursement of up to 50% of the project cost, not to exceed \$1,000

For more information, email aharmon@sccfiresafe.org or call 408-975-9591

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APPLICATION

In cooperation with the City of Saratoga and the Saratoga Fire District, The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCCFSC) is administering hazardous tree removal cost share assistance of up to \$1,000 per residence. Funding is available on a first come first served basis until funds are exhausted.

1. Contractors will be hired directly by applicant and the SCCFSC will reimburse applicant upon being provided evidence of project completion and payment to the contractor. Contractor must be licensed in the state of California for the type of tree removal required, and applicant will be required to obtain a minimum of two bids. SCCFSC will reimburse 50% of the tree removal costs not to exceed \$1,000.

2. Applicants are required to have a home Hazardous Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessment to be eligible for this reimbursement. This assessment will be completed at no cost to the resident by the SCCFSC. Please put your electronic request in at the web form listed in #4 above.

To have your project considered for funding please complete the following information:

Property Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Parcel APN: _____

Phone (Daytime): _____

Email: _____

Tree removal project description:

I certify this information to be true and correct and that the information provided is subject to verification. If my application is selected, I agree to work with Santa Clara County FireSafe Council to further define the scope of the project. I understand that we will be responsible for hiring a contractor for the work.

Property Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications can be mailed to Santa Clara County FireSafe Council at 14380 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070 or emailed to AHarmon@sccfiresafe.org.

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