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Community Invite to Ojai Valley Chipper Day ***Free chipping and wood chips at the Demonstration Garden behind Ojai City Hall***

OJAI, CA — Residents of the Ojai Valley are invited to bring their brush and trimming to the Ojai Demonstration Garden, behind City Hall- located at 401 S. Ventura Street in Ojai on Saturday, May 6, for a free chipping event hosted from 10 a.m. to 2p.m.

"The risk of a dangerous wildland fire season is high, especially in areas where there is a lot of brush around homes and property," said Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen. "This free, community event is designed to help community members in the Ojai area remove their debris and thank them for doing this important work."

In advance of the County-wide June 1st brush clearance deadline, VCFD and the Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council are encouraging local residents to trim back brush, limb up trees, and trim dead branches to improve wildfire safety around their homes and property.

Ojai Valley residents can bring cut brush and tree branches, up to 3 inches in diameter, for chipping. The chipped material can be left on site or taken home for use as mulch. There is no charge for this service.

For additional information about the chipping program, contact Ventura County Fire Specialist, Celine Moomey at (805) 340-6838.

For additional information on the Fire Hazard Reduction Program, call (805) 389-9759 or send an email to fhrp@ventura.org. To find out if a parcel has been approved, visit www.vcfhrp.org.

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