

RAKING IT IN

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With two seasons, Snow Management and Raking, we are constantly busy in Woodside Ranch. Fortunately, most of us embrace the outdoors, even though our passion is often tailored to the needs of our properties. Some years are more bountiful than others. Raking is a great way to meet your neighbors, wave at dog walkers, and sleep more soundly at night. The raking season wraps around winter, however, there is a particular focus in Spring—free dump days at the county landfill.

Some years, we here at Woodside Ranch, get a special motivational boost, a grant to help us manage our pine needle piles. These grants are not given to us annually, but as funds become available, we can apply for consideration. There are criteria, as many grants require sets of conditions for fulfillment. Fortunately, here in Woodside Ranch, we have dedicated neighbors with the skill sets and willingness to put in the time and attention for the benefit of us all.

This year, thanks to the efforts of Ray and Chris Miao, we have a grant to help us dispose of winter debris. More information will be coming regarding our great good fortune this year, so stay tuned.

Meantime, enjoy the season change. Our respite from raking is over, and we prepare to reap our neighborhood's collective benefits come Spring. The real reward is a safer Woodside Ranch.

Watch for more information on topics relating to Emergency Preparedness from our Fire Safety Education Committee. We are all partners in prevention.