

CAMP FIRE RESTORATION PROJECT

Summer Restoration Guide and Resource Directory for Butte County

Happy Summer Solstice! June 21st officially marked the new season change. And boy it's hot out there! If you feel stressed, know that the land also does too. We put together a list of recommended steps you can take this season to start rebuilding on your land, or simply apply to your backyard and gardens if you want to grow productive plants and trees. Summer is not the time to start planting new stuff, unless it's right around your Zone 1 one that is already in place. Don't start a garden if you don't have a healthy space to dwell in, like a shade structure. Instead, start with creating fertile soil by applying wood chips and straw. This is the time to get educated, plan, design and build the systems and structures so you can be in the places you are restoring for the Fall.

Summer Goal: **Get your Zone 1 in place.**

1) Educate yourself and make a plan.

This is the time to observe the land, to collect all the available information on: water, soil, shelter, biodiversity, food systems, and community. This information will serve as a framework to properly design and sustain your new human habitat.

Resource: Get a consult on how to design your land and water systems from us or another permaculture designer.

Resource: Take a permaculture design course online, in person or attend workshops.

2) Create a safe space.

A shelter, dwelling on your land. A cool, protected space that will be the origin of your Zone 1, and heart of your rebuild to do to the restoration work going forward. A place you want to be in. It's healing, nurturing. A permanent, but temporary Zone 1 where you get started. It's a workshop, multifunctional space that is your plant nursery, propagation area, and where you come back and eat meals.

Resource: Canopy or tarp with tables.

3) Cover your exposed land with wood chips to start the healing process.

Any exposed soil is an open wound that needs to be restored. It releases evaporation, loses soil life and increases temperatures which leads to drought, erosion and fire conditions. This impedes our restoration abilities and makes it harder to restore the land. By covering the exposed earth, we retain all the available moisture, decrease temperature and dramatically build soil in both structure and soil life. These are foundational steps in restoring the land - as well as decreasing drought and fire potential.

Resource: Pick up restoration materials at one of our Resource Hubs listed below.

Resource: Add your address to our wood truck delivery route.

4) Start to build your Mother Stock of trees and plants.

Now is the time to collect and propagate plants and trees majoring in pioneer species that will be the main frame elements to support both you and all the life we wish to bring back to the land - our homes. We need hearty, fast growing trees that can create a shade canopy to lower temperatures, retain moisture and create a healthy environment for growth - for plants, animals and humans.

- Learn about what plants and trees that will work within your microclimate and land.
- Learn how to collect, propagate, transplant and grow up these life elements so we can be prepared with healthy, mature plantings ready to get in the ground in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

Resource: Visit one of our recommended Plant Nurseries listed below.

Resource: Host a plant propagation party and announce it on our [Community Calendar](#). Look out for more events, classes and educational videos posted here and on our [Facebook page](#).

5) Build your support system.

Create the culture, environment and lifestyle that nourishes you and gives you the foundation to stay happy, healthy and inspired to do the work we all need to do, the great work of our time, and live with purpose.

Resource: Nourish yourself. Come to our gatherings and classes. Join community. Educate yourself. Ask for help.

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RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Pick up your materials at these locations listed below.

CFRP Resource Hubs with restoration materials (compost, straw bales, wattles and plants)

- Oroville Compost Yard
- **Micro-Hubs** – property owners in different neighborhoods who have plant nurseries, compost and other materials to share with the public. Give us a call and we'll link you up with the resources you need. Would you like to be a Micro-Hub? Post your Giveaway Days on the [Community Calendar](#) on our website!
- Sign up to our **Woodchip Delivery Program**. We work with woodchip trucks who will deliver loads to your property.

Give us a call or send an email to inquire!

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Plant Nurseries – local businesses we recommend offering organic and natural plants, starts and fruit trees.

CHICO

Floral Native Plant Nursery, 14388 Meridian Rd, Chico, CA; (530) 892-2511

The Plant Barn & Gifts, 406 Entler Ave, Chico, CA; (530) 345-3121

Little Red Hen, 189 E 8th St, Chico, CA; (530) 891-9100

Do you know of another one that should be listed? Let us know!

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Get fresh, local food from producers in your area from the Farmer’s Market every week or join a CSA program.

Treetop Permaculture’s Coop A Box Program, Oroville – a weekly box of fresh food (fruit, vegetables, goats milk, etc.) and products sourced from local producers allowing you to customize your box each week; email treetoppermaculture@gmail.com to be added to the weekly email of offerings!

<p>Farmer’s Markets CHICO Wednesday North Valley Plaza Mall Parking Lot <u>Pillsbury Road adjacent to Trader Joe’s</u> 7:30am – 1pm</p> <p>Saturday Downtown Chico Municipal Parking Lot <u>2nd St. & Wall St.</u> 7:30am – 1pm</p>
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<p>Farmer’s Markets OROVILLE Tuesday <u>Montgomery and Meyers Parking Lot</u> May 14 – October 15 4pm – 8pm</p> <p>Saturday <u>Montgomery and Meyers Parking Lot</u> May 18 – October 19 7:30am – 12pm</p>

<http://chicofarmersmarket.com/>

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Sign up, stay connected and Join us!

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