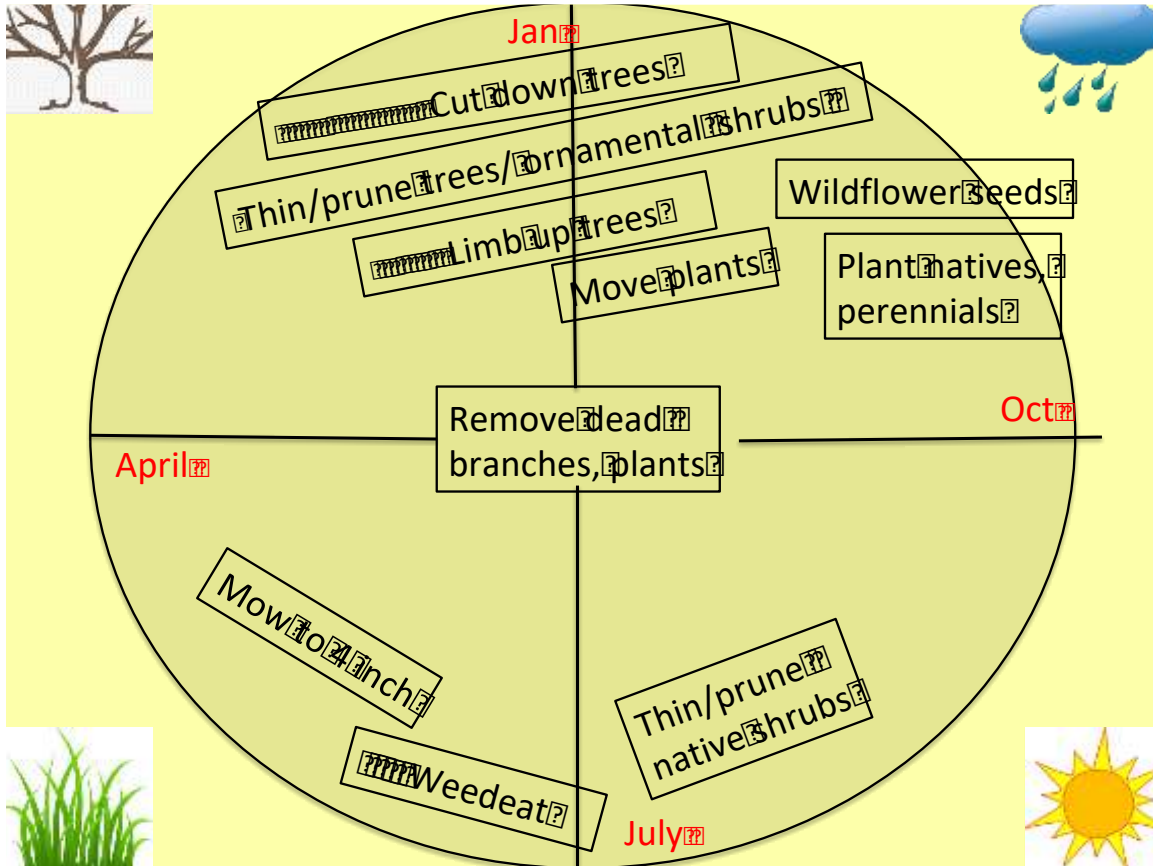




## Defensive space work by season



Mowers usually have a metal blade, so you don't want to use them in the heat of summer (sparks can start a fire) Can weedeat with string trimmer into July. Trees and shrubs are best trimmed or limbed up in winter, although many native species can be thinned in summer when they are dormant. Dry weather is especially good for manzanita and ceanothus pruning. Native plants, perennials, and wildflower seeds are all best planted in late Fall, when first rains begin.

Trees to remove could theoretically be cut down any time, like dead branches and plants, but since a chainsaw is being used, sparks are again a risk during dry times.



- You tube video: 13 min. *Your Home Can Survive Wildfire*, with Jack Cohen, USFS. Highly recommended

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL\\_syp1ZScM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL_syp1ZScM)

**Prescribed burning training**

5 online sessions (free) on prescribed burning – background and how to

[http://cemariposa.ucanr.edu/Fire Information/Events/Workshop Resources/](http://cemariposa.ucanr.edu/Fire%20Information/Events/Workshop%20Resources/)

**Hardening your Home against wildfire:**

UC Homeowner's Wildfire Mitigation Guide

[ucanr.edu/sites/Wildfire/Publications 745/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/Wildfire/Publications_745/)

UCANR Home Survival in Wildfire=Prone Areas: Building Materials and Design Considerations, by Stephen Quarles, Yana Valachovic et al

<https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/pdf/8393.pdf>

1 hr home hardening youtube by Alice Cantelow (synthesizes UCANR material)

[oakhillfiresafe.org/harden-your-home-webinar-by-alice-cantelow](http://oakhillfiresafe.org/harden-your-home-webinar-by-alice-cantelow)

**Caring for native plants, including pruning:**

California Native Gardening, A month-by-month guide, by Helen Popper, UC Press

Pruning native plants:

<https://www.cnps.org/gardening/digging-deeper/pruning-tips-techniques>

**Find prevailing wind direction:** Windfinder.com