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NRCS Give Away Cedar Seedlings



Emergency Watershed Protection Program

San Diego County, CA, April 21, 2005 – In honor of Earth Day, the Seedling Committee of the Forest Area Safety Taskforce will be giving away tree seedlings to San Diego County residents. Seedlings will be available for pickup on Friday, April 22, nd from 8am to 4:30pm at the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office located at 320 E. Second Ave, Suite #110, in Escondido. The seedlings package will include planting and care instructions, and NRCS foresters will be available to answer questions. Residents should call prior to arriving to ensure availability.

The Forest Area Safety Taskforce is continually working on projects to remove dead, dying, and diseased trees. Removing these hazardous trees will reduce falling hazards and fuel loads that contribute to dangerous wildfire conditions. "While we are reducing risks to life and property, we want to take opportunities like Earth Day to replace the trees we remove," Bryan Petit, NRCS Program Leader. For more information on the tree removal or seedling programs, please contact Kelly Strecker at 760-233-9507x102.

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