



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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## 2019 WEED ABATEMENT AND HAZARD REDUCTION *COMPLETE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>*

The Rodeo-Hercules Fire District is now in the process of pursuing fire hazard reduction for 2019 and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation with the District's 2018 Hazard Reduction Program.

The danger of a major wildfire involving homes within the Town of Rodeo or City of Hercules is very real. Year after year the accumulation of dry dead weeds, brush or trees ("fuels") within the wildland/urban and neighborhood setting increases dramatically. The recent devastating Northern California fires are a testament to this problem. Those types of horrific fires can happen here in our community- drought conditions exist every dry season that can allow a fire to sweep through entire neighborhoods.

As neighborhoods age and vegetation- both ornamental and native- is allowed to grow unchecked, an uninterrupted source of "fuel" is developed between homes, combustible wood shake roofs, and surrounding vegetation. All this considered, given the right conditions, i.e., an extended period of drought and sustained winds with low humidity, the chances of a large devastating fire here are very real.

All abatement or hazard clearance "fuels reduction" shall be completed by July 1st of each year. Again, the Fire District thanks you for your past cooperation and for making this a safer community. If you receive a **"NOTICE FOR ABATEMENT"**, please do not ignore it. Your actions taken now will mean the difference in your and your family's survival, the survival of your residence, and that of your neighborhood in a major fire.

It is the responsibility of every homeowner or resident to do their part in the reduction or abatement of "fuels" on their property that would further propagate or spread a fire. Again, we ask that you plan to clear your property by JULY 1st.

If you have questions regarding this very important program or fire safety in general, please contact the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District at 510-799-4561.

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