



RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE TO ABATE FLAMMABLE VEGETATION & RUBBISH

Completion Deadline: June 3, 2024

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE COMPLETELY, INCLUDING THE FIRE DISTRICT'S **MINIMUM WEED ABATEMENT STANDARDS** INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

This notice is mailed to all property owners where a flammable vegetation and/or rubbish hazard may exist during the fire season. **ALL** property owners shall adhere to the minimum weed abatement standards included with this notice based on the parcel size. If abatement is not completed in accordance with the **Minimum Weed Abatement Standards** by the completion deadline on this notice, a NOTICE to COMPLY order will be issued.

On or after June 3, 2024 the parcel will be inspected for compliance with the minimum weed abatement standards. If the parcel is found to be non-compliant, the parcel will be added to the District's Weed Abatement List for SEASONAL and RECURRENT NUISANCES. A public hearing will take place at the Board Meeting, on July 8, 2024 for any challenges to the inspection findings.

This notice is sent in accordance with California Health and Safety Code, Division 12, Part 5.

THE FIRE DISTRICT URGES ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR OWN ABATEMENT BY THE COMPLETION DEADLINE ON THIS NOTICE AND TO MAINTAIN THE ABATEMENT STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE FIRE SEASON.

If the above property has been improved so that any potential fire hazards no longer exist or you no longer own the property, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FIRE DISTRICT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We need and appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this program. If you have any questions, please call (510) 799-4561 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Fire District staff will make every effort to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Chief Rebecca Ramirez
Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District



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RESIDENTIAL ABATEMENT STANDARDS RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The following are minimum standards of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District for the abatement of exterior fire hazards in accordance with Division 12, Parts 3 & 5 of the California State Health and Safety Code and Chapter 3 of the California Fire Code.

1. Abatement may require a combination of discing, mowing and spraying on some parcels.
2. Mowing/Weed-Whacking: Maximum length of material standing or laying is **THREE INCHES (3")**.
3. All grass/weeds in back yards are to be mowed/weed-whacked within property lines to include the hill or slope behind fences that belong to the parcel in question.
4. For large lots with a slope or hill at the rear belonging to the affected property, the minimum requirements shall be fifty feet (50') from the top rear of the parcel inward (rear fence or property line at the top of the slope), and 100 feet (100') from the house (to include the rear yard and slope, and side and front yards). Ideally, the entire property would be abated.
5. Grass/weeds must be no longer than **THREE INCHES (3")**, whether standing or laying.
6. Where applicable (on large parcels in remote areas), all structures must have a minimum **ONE HUNDRED FOOT (100')** firebreak, disced, landscaped or mowed around them. This may include the maintained garden landscape.
7. All combustible rubbish, trash, trimmings or litter shall be removed from the property.
8. All combustible materials stored outside away from a building shall be neatly stored and have all combustible growth cleared **THIRTY FEET (30')** around it (boats, cars, wood etc).
9. The Fire District may require additional abatement on properties because of special conditions with terrain, land-use, growth, location, or the fire history of the area.
10. Abatement of exterior fire hazards shall be maintained annually. Parcels may require a second abatement during the summer due to additional growth of weeds.
11. Industry best practice around all structures is **FIVE FEET (5')** area of hardscaping, rockscaping and/or bare mineral soil free of combustible materials (CalFire Zone 0).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Prevention Bureau at (510) 799-4561.