

# MINIMUM WEED ABATEMENT STANDARDS



## A. PARCELS FIVE ACRES OR LESS IN SIZE:

Maintain **ALL** weeds at a height of **no more than 3 inches**. Weeds and grasses must be mowed, with material mulched and scattered or raked and bagged, and removed from the property, or disced (see "Discing Quality" below). All combustible rubbish or debris, including but not limited to: cardboard boxes, pallets, trash, wood rounds/chunks, rubble, etc., shall be removed from the property. **Parcels may require additional abatement during the season due to the regrowth of weeds and other flammable vegetation.**

## B. PARCELS GREATER THAN FIVE ACRES IN SIZE:

Shall be provided with **30-foot fuelbreaks and 15-foot crossbreaks** (see "H" and "I" below). Crossbreaks should divide the parcel into approximately 5-acre sections. **Fencelines may require handmowing/weedeating to ensure completion of fuelbreak.** When terrain is too steep or rugged for a tractor, a handmowed fuelbreak may be required. All cut material should be mulched and scattered or raked, bagged and removed from parcel.

C. **Fuelbreaks along roadways** are required as part of the property line. Road right-of-ways shall be cleared to a minimum of **10 feet horizontally** from the edge of driving surface and **13'6" vertically**.

D. **Active pastureland** shall be provided with **15-foot wide fuelbreaks and crossbreaks** if a sufficient number of animals are present to steadily reduce height of grasses during the summer months to **3 inches** or less by the end of August, irrespective of parcel size. **If this requirement cannot be met, 30-foot fuelbreaks and crossbreaks shall be required.**

E. **Active cropland** shall be provided with **15-foot fuelbreaks** or crossbreaks if the crop is to be harvested by mid-June. If there is to be a later harvest, **30-foot fuelbreaks shall be required.**

F. **Orchards** are to be maintained by complete abatement, including grasses under tree branches (see G. Tree litter). This may require pruning of lower branches to allow equipment access.

G. **Tree limbs** within 6 feet of the ground shall be removed.

- **Leaves**, bark, coniferous needles, fallen branches, etc., shall be removed from the base of trees, tree stems, and maintained throughout the fire season.

H. **30-foot fuelbreaks, where required, shall be provided** around all structures, combustible storage, trees, shrubs and brush, **along ridgelines**, fencelines, ditches, and along the sides of, but not in, creeks. Fuelbreaks and crossbreaks are a continuous strip of disced or dozed ground following as closely as possible to the property line, and **along one side of all fencelines**, ditches, and on top of all ridgelines. Remove from the property all debris, rubble, junk, piles of dirt, etc., which would obstruct or impede vehicles and/or equipment used for abatement work or fire suppression operations.

I. **Mowed fuelbreaks** shall be 60 feet wide and **mowed crossbreaks** 30 feet wide due to ability of the remaining surface material to support a fire growth.

## DISCING QUALITY:

All discing work, including fuelbreaks, shall be completed so that all weeds, grasses, crops and other vegetation or organic material, which could be expected to burn, shall be completely turned under to the point that there is not sufficient exposed fuel to maintain or allow the spread of fire.

**NOTE: Certain properties may require additional or more stringent abatement due to site-specific issues with terrain, regrowth, location, land use, or fire related history.**