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DON'T HIDE THOSE HYDRANTS

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — Each year the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District performs annual service on each of the 2,400 fire hydrants within districts 42 square miles. The service performed is to ensure that the hydrant functions correctly and also that it is visible and accessible to fire crews during an emergency.

Recent servicing has found that an increasing number of hydrants are becoming obstructed by plants, trees and other landscaping materials. To help make sure that these hydrants are visible and accessible throughout the year, we are asking residents who may have a fire hydrant on their property or adjacent to it in the public right of way ensure that the following requirements are followed during the year:

- The fire hydrant should be visible from the road or driveway.
- A 3 foot radius of clear space shall be maintained around the fire hydrant.
- A 4 foot vertical clear space from the top of the fire hydrant shall be maintained within the three foot circumference.
- The finished grade of soil and any ground cover should not be higher than the base of the fire hydrant within the 3 foot radius.

For more information about fire hydrants and other fire-related topics, visit our website at www.rsf-fire.org.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is “To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response.” Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 29,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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