



PUBLIC NOTICE

Hazard Abatement

THIS IS NOT A NOTICE TO GRADE YOUR PROPERTY

FIRE SEASON 2011

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Dear Rancho Santa Fe Property Owner,

The wildfire season is rapidly approaching! The recent rains will surely increase the growth of vegetation throughout the county and our Fire District. In the past years, we witnessed how devastating a wildfire can be. We know all too well that a wildfire can happen any time of the year. The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is reminding property owners of local hazard abatement requirements for the protection of lives and property. **Prevention is key. Make appropriate preparations today to help save lives and protect property from wildfire tomorrow!**

The property owner or manager of a property is responsible to meet the following requirements:

- **STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS:** Maintain 100 feet of defensible space or fuel modification zone around all structures by modifying all flammable vegetation as described on the reverse side.
- **ROADWAY & DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS:** Provide a vertical clearance of 13 feet 6 inches along all roadways, driveways, and easements. This also pertains to low shrubs and bushes which encroach into the roadway. Also, provide 20 feet of fuel modification along both sides of all roadways and driveways.
- **VEGETATION:** All properties, occupied or vacant are required to be free of dead/dying trees. Properties must maintain 100 feet of defensible space from neighboring structures. All dead brush and weeds/grasses should not exceed 6 inches in height.
- **ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS:** Post your *county assigned* address so that it is visible from the street and from both directions of approach. Lot numbers are not appropriate.
- **See reverse side for additional requirements.**

THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ABATE HAZARDS. This is a courtesy letter to inform and educate property owners of Fire Districts' requirements as they relate to vegetation management. In the next few months, a weed abatement inspector will be traveling the entire district to view possible fire hazards in association with vegetation management/hazard removal.

To discuss Fire District requirements in detail, or to make an on-site appointment, please call (858) 756-5971.

Please visit www.rsf-fire.org to view Fire District Standards and Ordinances in their entirety.