



CITY OF MORENO VALLEY

Hazardous Vegetation & Rubbish Abatement Standards

The mission of the Moreno Valley Fire Prevention Bureau's Hazardous Vegetation and Rubbish Abatement Program is for the removal of combustible fuel such as weeds, brush, dead trees, debris and rubbish from all unimproved, vacant parcels throughout the City. **These guidelines shall apply to all vacant and unimproved parcels on a year-round basis.**

All VACANT PARCELS

- All weeds, grass, brush, or other combustible vegetation shall be completely cleared on all parcels that are less than five (5) acres in size. This includes any alley, parkway strips, or unimproved public easements abutting the property. Disking is the preferred method. Disking must fully turn over the soil to adequately bury the weeds/vegetation or the material shall be removed.

NOTE: WHERE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, DISKING IS PROHIBITED.

- Mowing or weed whacking may be acceptable, however, the use of such method(s) must have **PRIOR APPROVAL** from this office (be advised, property that is mowed may be subject to substantial re-growth and require additional abatement).
- Trees shall be trimmed so that there are no dead or overgrown branches within eight feet (8') from the ground. Trees less than twenty-four feet (24') shall be trimmed up 1/3 of the total height of the tree.
- All rubbish, trash, trimmings, litter, tires and combustible waste material including palm fronds must be removed from the property and taken to an approved refuse disposal facility.

PARCELS OVER FIVE (5) ACRES IN SIZE:

Firebreaks must be a continuous strip of land, which is clear of all combustible weeds, grass, stubble, rubbish, or other material which would allow for the travel of fire:

- 100-foot minimum firebreak along the perimeter(s).
- 200-foot minimum firebreak along any residential development.
- 100-foot minimum "crosscut" firebreaks applied so that no remaining uncleared portion of land is greater than 2.5 acres.
- Additional lot clearance may be required by the Fire Prevention Officer or the City Fire Marshal.

HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

- Structures must have a 100-foot clearance from any flammable/combustible material or dry vegetation.
- Minimum 100-foot clearance from heavy vegetation.
- Minimum 30-foot clearance from any mature tree trunk.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY:

- A 30-foot firebreak along the perimeter from edge of paved roadway including right of way (Including Handwork).
- Minimum 100-foot firebreak from improved properties.
- Crop harvesting shall be completed by July 1.

TUMBLEWEED ABATEMENT

All parcels will be inspected starting in the Fall for clearance of tumbleweeds. All tumbleweeds shall be removed and disposed of. Failure to remove tumbleweeds will result in City contractor removal and may be billed to your property tax bill.

STATE GOVERNED AGENCIES:

This notice does not authorize violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act or violation of other state or Federal laws or regulations. For information on dust control, contact South Coast Air Quality Management District at (909) 396-2000. For information on the alteration of a stream channel, wetland or irrigation which may require a state or federal permit contact the City's Planning Division at (951) 413-3206.

APPEAL PROCESS:

You may appeal to the Fire Marshal of the City of Moreno Valley and show cause, if any, why the City should not abate the public nuisance. Such appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Fire Prevention Bureau within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice. The Fire Prevention Bureau is located at City Hall, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88005 Moreno Valley, CA 92552-0805. Further questions concerning this notice can be directed to the Hazard Reduction Hotline at (951) 413-3381. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please refer to the City of Moreno Valley's website at www.moval.org for information regarding Weed Abatement, Defensible Space, and Fire Safety.