



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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<<Date>>

<<Owner Name>>

<<Owner Address>>

<<Owner City>>, <<Owner State>> <<Owner ZIP Code>>

Re: <<APN>> / <<Property Address>>

Dear Property Owner,

Your property is located in the designated Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Hazardous Fire Area which requires defensible space to be maintained around all structures on your property. Defensible space is the buffer created when combustible vegetation is removed or reduced around a structure to slow or stop the spread of wildfire. On February 23, 2024, Santa Clara County Fire Department mailed to you a packet of information regarding the enforced applicable wildland fire safety regulations, available community wildfire preparedness workshops, and this year's property inspection schedule mandating compliance of the enforced applicable wildland fire safety regulations before **June 1, 2024**.

Your property was recently re-inspected by the Santa Clara County Fire Department on <<Re-inspection date>>. At that time, your property was found to be non-compliant with the applicable wildland fire safety regulations. The noted violation details are listed below:

<<Violations>>

<<Inspector comments>>

On May 7, 2024, the Los Gatos Town Council passed a resolution declaring that hazardous vegetation (brush) growing to such size and such type in such locations as to constitute a fire hazard to the community may be declared a public nuisance which must be abated by the removal of said hazardous vegetation. For further particulars, please refer to said resolution.

We are informed by the Town of Los Gatos that the Los Gatos Town Council will hold a public hearing at the Town Council meeting on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.** For more information on this process, please contact the Town of Los Gatos at

408.354.6888 or visit <https://www.losgatosca.gov>.

At that time, all properties identified by the Fire Department as being non-compliant with the applicable wildland fire safety regulations will be declared to have hazardous conditions requiring abatement. An additional inspection of all identified properties will be conducted after the hearing and prior to ordering any abatement work.

If you do not bring your property into compliance, the **Town of Los Gatos** through its contractor, may perform any brush or weed removal at your expense and will be placed on your property tax bill for payment after legal requirements are met. If you would like more information about the hazardous vegetation abatement contractor services, please contact the County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Program at 408.282.3145 or visit <https://weedabatement.sccgov.org>. For your convenience, a price list indicating the rates for the County Contractor is included below.

2024 TOWN OF LOS GATOS **COUNTY CONTRACTOR WEED ABATEMENT FEES**

Please be advised that the property owner of any parcel found to be non-compliant on or after the deadline will be charged a processing fee of \$546.00 and the property will be scheduled for abatement by the County contractor. If you complete the abatement work before the County contractor performs the abatement, you will not incur further charges. Should the abatement work be performed by a County contractor, you will be assessed the contractor's charges plus a County administrative fee of \$884.00 per parcel.

A) DISC WORK*

PARCEL SIZE:	1 st Disc	+	2 nd Disc	=	Total Discs
0 — 12,500 sq. ft.	<u>\$290.77</u>		<u>\$179.94</u>		<u>\$470.71</u>
12,501 — 43,560 sq. ft.	<u>\$337.87</u>		<u>\$224.94</u>		<u>\$562.81</u>
Larger than 1 Acre	<u>\$149.63</u>		<u>\$118.10</u>		<u>\$268.11</u> (Per Acre)

*It is required that parcels be disced twice a year. The cost for the first discing is higher due to additional work normally required during the first discing.

B) HANDWORK	<u>\$5.09 PER 100 Square Feet (SF)</u>
C) FLAIL	<u>6 Foot Mower \$6.45 PER 1,000 SF</u>
MOWING	<u>12 Foot Mower \$6.45 PER 1,000 SF</u>
D) LOADER WORK	<u>\$152.44 PER HOUR</u>
E) DUMP TRUCK	<u>\$140.72 PER HOUR</u>
F) BRUSH WORK	<u>\$4.84 PER 100 SF</u>
G) DEBRIS REMOVAL	<u>\$55.70 PER HOUR</u>
H) DUMP FEE	<u>100%</u> (Added to orders with debris removal at 100% of the dump site charge)



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Please note this program does not offer herbicide application as a method of abatement.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Santa Clara County Fire Department at 408.341.4420 or email prevention@sccfd.org.