



TOWN OF LOS GATOS

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PHONE (408) 399-5770

SERVICE CENTER
41 MILES AVENUE
LOS GATOS, CA 95030

July 14, 2021

RE: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 3, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE 2020 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REPORT AND AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENT CHARGES**

You are receiving this letter because you own a parcel that is included in the 2021 Weed Abatement program. On December 1, 2020, the Town Council authorized the initiation of the annual Weed Abatement program.

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos has scheduled a public hearing on August 3, 2021 to consider the 2021 Weed Abatement Assessment Report and Adopt a Resolution Confirming the Report and Authorizing the Collection of the Assessment Charges.

The attached Assessment Report reflects the charges that will be assessed on your tax roll. A copy of the letter you received in December 2020 describing the charges is attached for your reference.

If you have questions about the program or proposed charges, we encourage you to contact the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Department **PRIOR** to the public hearing at 408-282-3145. By contacting the County (who manages the program for the Town), you will be able to discuss any concerns you may have, with the intent of achieving resolution prior to the public hearing procedure.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting is being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only participate in the meeting on television and/or online and not in the Council Chambers.

When the meeting agenda is posted, it will include instructions for the participation in the public process. The live stream of the meeting may be viewed on television and/or online at www.LosGatosCA.gov/TownYouTube

Town Council reports related to the Weed Abatement program may be viewed on the Town's website at www.LosgatosCA.gov – under the Agenda & Minutes page. The Council dates that contain these reports are December 1, 2020, January 19, 2021, and August 3, 2021 (8/3 will be available for public review three days prior to the meeting).

Persons wishing to protest the proposed assessment report and/or collection of assessment charges may do so by mailing the protest to the Town Clerk 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030; emailing to the Town Clerk - Clerk@LosGatosCA.gov, or attending the public hearing by teleconference and speaking. Any written protest must be received by the Town Clerk no later than 11:00 a.m. on August 3, 2021, as described above. Protests must identify the grounds for the protest, the person filing the protest, and the property owned by the person filing the protest.

All INTERESTED PERSONS are encouraged to appear at the Public Hearing and be heard. If anyone wishes to challenge the action on the above application in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or anyone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. **Deadline for all written correspondence is 11:00 a.m. the day of the meeting.**

Sincerely,

Stefanie Hockemeyer

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Executive Assistant, Parks and Public Works

2021 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM
ASSESSMENT REPORT
CITY OF LOS GATOS

SITUS	APN	OWNERS ADDRESS	TAXROLL AMT
831 POLLARD	406-26-011	LAM, MITCHELL	\$550.00
0 CALLE MARGUERITA	409-04-049	GUPTA, MOHIT AND APAN, PARUL	\$2,533.00
rail wedgewood	409-04-052	UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION	\$2,992.00
0	409-08-001	UNION PACIFIC CORPORATION	\$4,234.00
935 CASTLEWOOD	409-11-021	YAMAGUCHI, JUDY C TRUSTEE	\$84.00
17291 WEDGEWOOD	409-14-013	SAFFARIAN, BABAK TRUSTEE & ET AL	\$84.00
14316 MULBERRY	409-15-005	SAWHNEY, CHANDANDEEP AND BHATIA, MONTY	\$84.00
14311 MULBERRY	409-15-038	LEE, KWANGHO AND YUNSUN	\$84.00
16245 BURTON	424-06-115	SWENSON, C B TRUSTEE	\$550.00
0 BURTON	424-06-116	SWENSON, C B TRUSTEE	\$84.00
14823 LOS GATOS	424-07-065	14823 LGB LLC	\$84.00
15545 BENEDICT	424-20-008	NELSON VICTORIA S	\$2,031.00
15710 WINCHESTER	424-27-013	DONNELLY, TESSA I ET AL	\$550.00
18481 OVERLOOK	510-40-019	ZHAN, LUCY AND ABRAHAMSSON, KLAS J	\$84.00
0 LAUREL	510-41-068	GERTRIDGE, JOHN H ET AL	\$550.00
110 WOOD	510-47-038	COVIA COMMUNITIES	\$550.00
138 WOOD	510-47-044	FRENKEL, LILY M AND DRAA, JUSTIN S	\$84.00
779 BLOSSOM HILL	523-04-037	BLANTON, LOUISE C TRUSTEE	\$84.00
15931 BLOSSOM HILL	523-25-028	TERRY, NAKA K	\$84.00
16009 STEPHENIE	523-26-006	CAPRIOLA, JOAN C TRUSTEE	\$84.00
263 PINEHURST	523-43-019	GORMAN, ROBERT L AND THERESA A	\$84.00
15941 QUAIL HILL	527-02-006	KHOSRAVI, ARVIN AND MOZAFAR, FIROUZEH J TRUSTEE	\$84.00
72 DRYSDALE	527-02-007	DIEP, JOHN AND ALLISON	\$84.00
145 DRYSDALE	527-03-003	ZUKIN, MARGARET S TRUSTEE	\$84.00
0 GUM TREE	527-03-007	QUINT, ROBERT A TRUSTEE & ET AL	\$84.00
15790 BLOSSOM HILL	527-07-006	TAI, CHAIN CHANG AND HOH, BAO LIAN	\$84.00
16200 GREENRIDGE	527-15-001	ORMANDY, ROMAN AND BIBIANA TRUSTEE	\$84.00
16084 GREENRIDGE	527-15-002	LUU, RICHARD T	\$84.00
0 LARGA VISTA	527-16-013	GUEVARA, MARIA E TRUSTEE & ET AL	\$550.00

14960 LARGA VISTA	527-16-016	PROUTY, PAUL ROBERT AND KYMBERLY KAY TRUSTEE	\$84.00
14850 BLOSSOM HILL	527-18-014	O'DEEGAN, STEVE	\$550.00
401 SURMONT	527-20-002	BATE, ROSEMARY S	\$3,154.00
LAND ALTA TIERRA	527-55-042	OHM VICTOR J AND VANNA J	\$84.00
NO SITUS	529-06-072	CROSS CREEK LOS GATOS LLC	\$84.00
615 BLOSSOM HILL	529-16-026	DUNN PROPERTIES LP ETAL	\$2,607.00
0 BELLA VISTA	529-21-010	MASTERTON, ANTHONY D ET AL	\$84.00
0 BELLA VISTA	529-23-003	CHOI, HYUNG MEE AND RUNYAN, PETER	\$84.00
0 BELLA VISTA	529-23-015	PETERS, JAKE C AND KATHERINE H TRUSTEE	\$1,863.40
0 BELLA VISTA	529-23-016	ROSS, DANIEL LEE TRUSTEE	\$1,863.40
0 BELLA VISTA	529-23-019	HARLAN, MARILYN S TRUSTEE	\$1,235.40
0 BELLA VISTA	529-23-020	SHANKER, BENJAMIN J AND SHARI	\$1,116.60
0 RESERVOIR	529-29-066	KIDDER, VASILIKI	\$84.00
148 CLELAND	529-34-043	HATTAR, MARIE C	\$84.00
0 (VACANT)	529-39-047	ST WARD PROPS LP	\$2,506.00
16336 SHADY VIEW	532-03-034	COULSON, ALLAN A AND ADRIANA C TRUSTEE	\$84.00
16386 HILOW	532-04-080	GOVINDASWAMY, GANAPATHY AND GANAPATHY, MALARVIZHI	\$84.00
16541 ENGLEWOOD	532-07-020	DENISON, MICHAEL R	\$84.00
16666 TOPPING	532-09-018	LIN, ARTHUR W AND CHANG, CHRISTINE	\$84.00
0 TWIN OAKS	532-16-006	SURREY FARMS GROUP LLC	\$84.00
16510 KENNEDY	532-17-025	MCKENZIE, JACLYN J TRUSTEE	\$84.00
16461 KENNEDY	532-17-027	WALL, RYAN COMFORT TRUSTEE & ET AL	\$550.00
16481 KENNEDY	532-17-028	HAKHU, JAI K AND NALINI	\$84.00
248 JARED	532-34-071	PAN, SAM SHIWEI	\$84.00
17511 PHILLIPS	532-39-009	UPLIFT FAMILY SERVICES	\$550.00
17652 TOURNEY	537-04-043	YU, MARGARET AND ROLANDI, MARCO	\$84.00
15220 KENNEDY	537-15-004	IYAR, SUBRAH S TRUSTEE	\$84.00
14050 SHANNON	537-17-027	LEIRER, VON OTTO AND PERZOW, CARRIE JOY TRUSTEE	\$550.00
233 FORRESTER	537-21-010	JACKSON STREET EQUITIES LLC	\$84.00
229 FORRESTER	537-22-011	SATIA, JAGAT B AND INDIRA	\$84.00
155 WOODDED VIEW	537-23-028	OWNBEY, DOUGLAS V TRUSTEE	\$84.00
210 WOODDED VIEW	537-23-046	CUNNINGHAM, JAMES F TRUSTEE	\$550.00
15876 SHANNON	537-26-009	LIVE WELL HOMES INC	\$550.00
15760 SHANNON	537-26-018	KELLERMANN, MARC ET AL	\$550.00

16060 CERRO VISTA

537-30-004 BREZOCZKY, BLASIUS TRUSTEE & ET AL

\$84.00

County of Santa Clara

Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency
Weed Abatement Division



1553 Berger Drive
Building 1
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 282-3145
Fax (408) 286-2460

December 7, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ABATE WEEDS

Dear Property Owner:

To protect your property and the surrounding area from possible fire, your jurisdiction (city or County if in unincorporated areas) contracts with the County of Santa Clara to operate a Weed Abatement Program. You are receiving this notice and information because our staff has determined that your parcel is part of this Program. Please read the information carefully and contact us for clarification or additional information.

Your jurisdiction has or will adopt a resolution declaring your property as one that may contain fire hazards from weeds or other debris. Following this action, your jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing to consider an abatement order, which would require you to remove any hazardous vegetation or combustible debris prior to the deadline in the attached abatement schedule. The public hearing will be held on the date and location stated in the attached notice and provides an opportunity for you to raise any objections or concerns with this requirement.

If you believe your parcel includes an environmentally sensitive habitat, please check the box and provide additional information on the reply form to assist us in determining the best approach to abating your property.

If, after the public hearing, the Weed Abatement Program is approved for your property, the County is authorized by your city and the California Health and Safety Code sections 14875-14922 to inspect your property to confirm that the property has been cleared of hazards according to Minimum Fire Safety Standards (see enclosed brochure). Inspections will begin after the abatement deadline for your jurisdiction. This notice does not relieve you of your responsibility to complete the necessary work prior to the deadline for your jurisdiction. You will be responsible for an annual fee of \$84 to cover the cost of this compliance inspection.

If you fail to complete the abatement work prior to our inspection of your property, you will be responsible for an inspection fee of \$466 per parcel; and your property will be scheduled for abatement by the County contractor. You will be assessed a County administrative fee of \$809 per parcel plus the County's cost of abatement if the County completes this work. If you complete the abatement work before the County contractor, you will not incur further charges.

The County will use the least costly method of abatement considering the physical characteristics of your property and any other environmental or related concerns. Fees are detailed in the attached price list. The total amount will be included as a special assessment on your property tax bill following confirmation of the charges by your city or the County if parcel is not in a city at a public hearing?. This hearing would be scheduled in late spring/summer 2021 with the exact date determined by your jurisdiction. Jurisdictions

post hearing information at a physical location (typically at a city hall building or other government center and most jurisdictions also publish this information on their websites) at least three days prior to the meeting.

You can avoid all costs, other than the annual compliance fee, by completing the abatement work yourself according to Minimum Fire Safety Standards (see enclosed brochure) prior to the abatement deadline for your jurisdiction and maintaining the Minimum Fire Safety Standards for the duration of fire season, which typically runs March Through October. Parcels will be removed from the program after three consecutive years of voluntary compliance (work completed by property owner prior to the deadline and confirmed by our inspection).

In preparation for this program, please complete and return the enclosed Reply Form by January 15, 2021 so we are notified of your plans for abating your property.

If you designate in your reply that you intend to abate the weeds yourself, you need to complete the abatement before the deadline listed on the attached abatement schedule and maintain fire-safe conditions for the duration of the fire season. Responding that you intend to provide maintenance yourself does not release you from this responsibility to have the maintenance *completed* before your deadline and *repeated* as necessary to maintain Minimum Fire Safe Standards. The County will abate hazardous vegetation as required after the deadline for your jurisdiction at your cost.

Enclosed you will find the following information:


- ✓ **Reply Form specific to your property. Please complete and return by January 15, 2021.**
- ✓ **Notice to Destroy Weeds informing you of an upcoming public meeting (that you must attend if you have any objections to the proposed removal of hazardous vegetation or debris from your property. Your Jurisdiction may offer the ability for you to participate in this meeting virtually; please confirm directly with your jurisdiction.**
- ✓ **Weed Abatement Program Schedule for your city with current County abatement fees.**
- ✓ **County of Santa Clara Weed Abatement Brochure.**

Please be aware that any abatement performed by the County must comply with all applicable regulations. If your property falls within an area designated as a possible habitat for burrowing owls or any other protected species of bird or animal, the methods used to remove vegetation may be regulated by specific laws or local ordinances.

If you are no longer the owner of the property identified by this mailing, please notify us immediately at (408) 282-3145. If you sell your property after the date of this letter, it is your responsibility to notify the new owner and to include the obligation to pay any abatement costs in your agreement of sale. Without taking this action, you will be responsible for all-hazard abatement charges assessed to the property.

Our goals are voluntary compliance with the Minimum Fire Safety Standards and all properties remain safe from fire. If you have any questions or need on-site advice to help you achieve compliance with the Minimum Fire Standards, please call us at (408) 282-3145.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Jo Zientek, Director
Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency

LOS GATOS WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- January 19, 2021** Public hearing to consider objections to Abatement List.

- April 15, 2021** PARCEL ABATEMENT DEADLINE
Parcel must be free from hazardous vegetation by this date or Inspector will order abatement.

- July-August, 2021** Assessment Hearing to protest abatement charges
(Date subject to change, please confirm with City Clerk)

2021 COUNTY WEED ABATEMENT FEES

Properties in the Weed Abatement Program, you will be responsible for an annual inspection fee of \$84.00 per parcel.

Please be advised that the property owner of any parcel found to be non-compliant on or after the March 1st deadline will be charged a processing fee of \$466.00 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 \$809.00 per parcel.

2021 COUNTY CONTRACTOR’S WEED ABATEMENT PRICE LIST

A) Disc Work**

PARCEL SIZE:	<u>1st Disc</u>	+ <u>2nd Disc</u>	= <u>Total Discs</u>
0-12,500 sq.ft.	<u>\$399.80</u>	<u>\$160.73</u>	<u>\$560.53</u>
12,501sq.ft.- 43,560sq.ft.	<u>\$399.80</u>	<u>\$160.73</u>	<u>\$560.53</u>
Larger than 1 Acre	<u>\$290.41</u>	<u>\$141.83</u>	<u>\$432.24</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** \$5.40 PER 100 Square Feet (SF)
- C) FLAIL** 6 Foot Mower \$6.89 PER 1,000 SF
- MOWING** 12 Foot Mower \$6.89 PER 1,000 SF
- D) LOADER WORK** \$165.20 PER HOUR
- E) DUMP TRUCK** \$152.49 PER HOUR
- F) BRUSH WORK** \$5.16 PER 100 SF
- G) DEBRIS REMOVAL** \$52.49 PER HOUR
- H) DUMP FEE** 100%

Added to orders with debris removal at 100% of the dump site charge.

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