



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

14700 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos, CA 95032 | (408) 378-4010 | www.sccfd.org

Dear property owner,

Your property, which is located in the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area, was recently inspected by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. At that time, your property was found to be non-compliant with Wildland Safety Regulations. Enclosed is a copy of the notice that was left at the residence and indicates the corrections that are necessary.

Please note that a public hearing will be held during the Town of Los Gatos council meeting on June 16, 2020 at 7:00pm. At that time, all properties identified by the Fire Department as being non-compliant with Wildland 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 your property is found to be in compliance at the time of the re-inspection or upon the arrival of the abatement contractor, no work will be done and no charges will be imposed.

If you are interested in having the County of Santa Clara do any brush or weed removal or wish to have an inspection for a cost estimate, please contact the Hazardous Vegetation Department at (408) 282-3145. For your convenience, a price list indicating the rates for the County Contractor is included with this notice.

If you should have any questions about the information on this notice, please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Santa Clara County Fire Department at (408) 341-4420.

TOWN OF LOS GATOS WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Serving Santa Clara County and the communities of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

2020 COUNTY WEED ABATEMENT FEES

Please be advised that the property owner of any parcel found to be non-compliant on or after the June 1st deadline 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 \$984.00 per parcel.

2020 COUNTY CONTRACTOR'S WEED ABATEMENT PRICE LIST

A) Disc Work**

PARCEL SIZE:	1 st Disc	+ 2 nd Disc	= Total Discs
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.	<u>\$5.40 PER 100 Square Feet (SF)</u>
C) FLAIL	<u>6 Foot Mower \$6.89 PER 1,000 SF</u>
MOWING	<u>12 Foot Mower \$6.89 PER 1,000 SF</u>
D) LOADER WORK.	<u>\$165.20 PER HOUR</u>
E) DUMP TRUCK	<u>\$152.49 PER HOUR</u>
F) BRUSH WORK	<u>\$5.16 PER 100 SF</u>
G) DEBRIS REMOVAL	<u>\$56.73 PER HOUR</u>
H) DUMP FEE	<u>100%</u>

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.



Dear Property Owner:

The Santa Clara County Fire Department has made an inspection of your property. The item(s) checked below are not in compliance with the **Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area** safety regulations. Please perform the necessary corrections.

- A. Create 30 feet of Defensible Space around your home. To accomplish this, you must clear all flammable vegetation a minimum of 30-feet around structures.
 - Create 100 feet of Defensible Space around your home. To accomplish this, create a Green Zone by clearing all flammable vegetation 30-feet around structures. Additionally, create a Reduced Fuel Zone for the remaining 70 feet or to your property line.
- B. Clear ornamental shrubs and trees of dead leaves and branches.
- C. Remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- D. Trim tree limbs 10-feet from chimneys or stovepipes, and remove dead limbs that hang over rooftops.
- E. Cover chimney outlets or flues with a 1/2" mesh spark arrester.
- F. Post a clearly visible house address, using at least 4" high numbers, for easy identification.

A RE-INSPECTION WILL OCCUR ON OR AFTER JUNE 1ST. IF, AT THAT TIME, THE REQUIRED CLEARANCE OF FLAMMABLE VEGETATION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, AN AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY WORK TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REGULATIONS. **YOU WILL RECEIVE NO FURTHER NOTICE.** COST FOR WORK PERFORMED BY THE AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the Santa Clara County Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division, at 408.378.4010 or 1.800.800.1793.

APN# _____

Officer's Name (print)

Date

