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COURTESY NOTICE

Subject: 2024 Wildfire Season Survey Reminder & Instructions to sign up for the Vegetation Management Inspection Portal

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

California wildfire season usually begins in the month of April and ends in the month of November. This notice is a friendly reminder that weeds, rubbish and/or other unsafe conditions on your property need to be removed or otherwise abated before they become a fire hazard and endanger life and property. The Fairview Fire Protection District (FFPD) is sending this notice to all property owners now so that arrangements can be made to have any necessary abatement work completed.

Continuing maintenance should also be scheduled to keep weeds and debris abated throughout the entire fire season. We have attached **Ordinance 1, FFPD Abatement Standards**, outlining the minimum abatement requirements. For your convenience we have implemented an on-line customer service inspection portal for Property Owner's to keep track of their property's results. This online portal is also where you file complaints. Instructions to create an account are detailed on the last page of this notice. If you have already created an account, no further action is needed on your part, simply proceed to the website <https://weedabatement.hayward-ca.gov/> and login as before.

Survey inspections will begin any time **after May 25, 2024**, and will continue throughout the remainder of the fire season. If your property is not in compliance with the FFPD Abatement Standards after the first inspection, a notice to abate letter will be mailed out to notify the property owner and the resident of the corrective actions needed, giving you **21 days from the date of the letter to comply**, after which our abatement notification process will continue per our 2020 Abatement Ordinance.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please email firesafehfd@hayward-ca.gov or visit the FFPD website www.fairviewfiredistrict.org for more information on the abatement ordinance, annual surveys, filing complaints, and chipping program.

Sincerely,

City of Hayward Fire Department

Encl: FFPD Abatement Standards
Vegetation Management Inspection Portal Log in Instructions

ORDINANCE 1

Fairview Fire Protection District (FFPD)

ABATEMENT STANDARDS

The following standards are considered as a minimum. The Fire District may require additional abatement due to terrain, height of growth, location, use of land, etcetera. **No burning is allowed.**

RUBBISH, TRASH, OTHER UNSAFE CONDITIONS:

- I. ALL PROPERTIES
 - A. All rubbish, trash, trimmings or litter shall be abated.
 - B. All wood fuel or lumber shall be neatly stacked or removed from property:

WEEDS, GRASS, BRUSH, AND DEAD GROWTH:

- I. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS
 - A. Complete abatement:
 1. All weeds, grass, or other vegetation that is dry or will become dry during the months of May - November must be removed or otherwise abated from the entire parcel.
 2. This abatement must be maintained whenever growth exceeds 4 inches in height.
- II. CROP LAND AND PASTURELAND (LIVESTOCK GRAZING)
 - A. 30-foot-wide continuous firebreaks (cleared space) shall be installed and maintained around each parcel property line as the terrain allows.
 - B. 30-foot-wide cross breaks (cleared space) intersecting the firebreaks shall be installed:
 1. On one side of all obstructions to emergency vehicles such as ditches, creeks, fence lines and the like within parcels.
 2. On the top of all ridges, hills, and saddles.
 3. On both sides of access roads.
 - C. 30-foot-wide minimum cleared space around all buildings or to property line, whichever is closer.
 - D. Complete abatement (cleared space) extending at least 30 feet beyond the foliage of any trees that would present a hazard to any building or structure.
- III. UNUSED LAND -VACANT PROPERTY (WITHOUT GRAZING OR CROP USE)
 - A. Residential and Commercial areas:
 1. Complete abatement (as per "I" above).
 - B. Rural property other than "IIIA":
 1. For parcels **5.0 acres or smaller** complete abatement is required.
 2. For parcels **5.1 acres or larger** require firebreaks two times the width of the cleared space specified in "II" above.
- IV. INACCESSIBLE TERRAIN AREAS- (PROPERTY NOT ACCESSIBLE BY ROADWAY).
 - A. Graded fire trails, maintained to provide access for firefighting personnel and equipment may be used in place of firebreaks and cross breaks on an area-by-area basis.
- V. WEED ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT AND CHARGES:
 - A. A notice to abate will be mailed to those property owners whose property is determined to present a fire hazard per the 2020 Fuels Management, Abatement & Enforcement Ordinance of the Fairview Fire Protection District. Owners will have 21 days from the date of the notice to comply. After which a second inspection will be conducted, a second notice will be mailed if compliance has still not been met giving property owners 7 days from mailing the notice to comply. No actions or fees will be assessed if the required corrections are satisfactorily completed by the date indicated on any notice.
 - B. If the property has not been satisfactorily abated by the second inspection date, the Fire Chief will request the Board declare a Public Nuisance. A Public Hearing will be held when the Board may make a Resolution of a Public Nuisance and order the abatement of the Public Nuisance. If declared a Public Nuisance, the Board will authorize the Fire Chief to assign a contractor to abate the property. To view the 2020 Fuels Management, Abatement & Enforcement Ordinance of the FFPD please visit our website at www.fairviewfiredistrict.org.
 - C. Per the 2020 Fuels Management, Abatement & Enforcement Ordinance Section 8, the Property owner is responsible for all costs of abatement, which include, but are not limited to, the actual costs to abate, any and all administrative costs, cost of mailing, personnel time, computer retrieval, Investigation, boundary determination, measurement, any directly related costs actually incurred by contractors, and other related costs authorized in writing by the District.

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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT INSPECTION PORTAL

New User Account Log In

The Hayward Fire Department, in partnership with the Fairview Fire Protection District, conducts abatement surveys at least once a year. We have now implemented a way for property owners to view their survey inspection results. This weed abatement inspection portal was made possible in partnership with Fairview Fire Protection District and the Hayward Fire Department. If you have already created an account, there is no need to create a new one.

- 1) Go to the following website: <https://weedabatement.hayward-ca.gov/>
- 2) There are two ways to create an account; you can login by using your existing Facebook or Google account or create a new user id and password.
- 3) To use your existing Facebook or Google account, click “LOGIN”, click on the Facebook or Google icon, proceed as usual.
- 4) To create a new user id and password click “REGISTER”
- 5) Fill in all required fields marked with an asterisk. (first name, last name, email address, and password)
- 6) You will receive an email with a link to log in to your portal. Click on the link as instructed.
- 7) You will be prompted to log in to your portal using your user name and password that you created.
- 8) You will be directed to the “Owner Dashboard”. From here you can add your property or properties if you own more than one.
- 9) Click on “Add Property” button
- 10) Enter the APN and PIN number for your property at **{Property Address}**. These are located below:
 - a. **APN: {APN}**
 - b. **PIN: {PIN}**
- 11) If you have more than one property click on the Add Property button to add more.
- 12) Click on the “Submit button” button
- 13) Your property will now be listed under “My Property List”
- 14) Click on “Property Details” to see the status of your property.
- 15) Any questions regarding this process please email firesafehd@hayward-ca.gov .

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Visit <https://weedabatement.hayward-ca.gov/> for more details