

WEED ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM PROPERTY CLEANING REQUIREMENTS:

PROPERTY UP TO ONE (1) ACRE IN SIZE:

1. Disking, mowing or handwork is acceptable.
 - A. Disking shall be done with an approved type offset disc at sufficient depth to place the weeds under the finished soil surface. Disking twice may be required if the soil does not mix with the weeds properly.
 - B. Mowing shall be done in such a manner that all remaining weeds/vegetation shall not exceed 4 inches in height (Property that is mowed may be subject to substantial regrowth).
 - C. Weed whacking or other forms of handwork shall be done when it is impractical to disc or mow, or when there are obstructions such as trees, shrubbery, fences, or buildings.

**Combustible weeds shall be removed from edge of roadways back 10 feet.
ACCESSABLE SLOPES SHALL BE CLEARED OF ALL WEEDS.**

PROPERTY OVER ONE (1) ACRE IN SIZE (see below for hillside properties):

1. Disking or mowing is acceptable; see above.
2. Firebreaks are permitted. Firebreaks shall be a minimum of 100 feet in width from property lines and shall extend around the complete perimeter of the property. Firebreaks shall include 50 feet "crosscut" firebreaks, and shall be cleared of all combustible vegetation to establish a fuel break. Any remaining area that has not been disked or cut shall not exceed one (1) acre in area.

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PROPERTIES IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL;

1. Remove and clear away all dead / combustible weeds or other combustible vegetation from all areas of your parcel, **including slopes***, within 100 feet of all buildings or structures on your parcel. If you have weeds within 100 feet of a neighboring structure these shall also be abated.

**Combustible weeds shall be removed from edges of roadways back 10 feet or as allowable based on terrain.
*ACCESSABLE SLOPES SHALL BE CLEARED OF ALL WEEDS.**

EXCEPTION 1: Single specimen trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants used as ground cover do not need to be removed provided that they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any structure. Landscaping and trees do not need to be removed provided they are maintained and watered regularly.

EXCEPTION 2: Grass and other vegetation located **more than 100 feet** from buildings or structures **need not be removed.**

***Slopes** – Contact the Fire Prevention Office to discuss slopes which due to extreme grades or lack of accessibility may present a life safety hazard to conduct abatement work. Weeds abated on slopes shall be left with their root system intact to help prevent erosion and possible slope failure.