

RESOLUTION NO. 20-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT TO PROCEED WITH ABATEMENT OF BRUSH

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public hearing brush constituting a public nuisance has been found to exist on those properties described in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, that the County Fire Marshal is directed to cause the abatement of the aforementioned nuisance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 16th day of June, 2020.

APPROVED:

Mark Warren, President

ATTEST:

Cori Vargas, District Clerk

2020 WUI PARCELS

- A. 30 ft / 100 ft Defensible Space
- B. Clear shrubs/trees of dead leaves & branches
- C. Remove pine needles & leaves from roofs etc.
- D. Trim tree limbs 10 ft from chimneys
- E. Cover chimney with 1/2" spark arrester.
- F. Post address with 4" high numbers

APN Owner_Name	TRA	Situs Owner_Address			
175-47-050 [REDACTED]	14 A, B, F	26313 PURISSIMA RD [REDACTED]	LOS ALTOS HILLS	LAH	LAH 30
175-55-003 [REDACTED]	14 A, D	12725 LA CRESTA DR [REDACTED]	LOS ALTOS HILLS	LAH	LAH 30
182-05-020 [REDACTED]	14 C	12801 LA BARRANCA RD [REDACTED]	LOS ALTOS HILLS	LAH	LAH 30
182-10-021 [REDACTED]	14 A, F	13147 BYRD LN [REDACTED]	LOS ALTOS HILLS	LAH	LAH 30



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 Town of Los Altos Hills Hazardous Fire Area, was recently inspected by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. At that time, your property did not comply with the Town of Los Altos Hills Municipal Code Section 4-2.116 (Brush and vegetative growth). 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 Los Altos Hills County Fire District Commission meeting on June 16, 2020 at 7:00pm in the El Monte Fire Station Conference Room located at 12355 El Monte Road. At that time, all properties identified by the Fire Department as being non-compliant 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 ALTOS HILLS WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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.**

February 28, 2020

<<Full Name>>
<<Address Line 1>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP Code>>

RE: <<APN>>
<<Property Address>>

Dear Property Owner

Collaborative efforts are key to building fire resilient communities. You play a vital role in keeping not only your property safe, but your neighborhood safe. This year, the Santa Clara County Fire Department will be hosting wildfire preparedness workshops with special presentations by The California Department of Insurance and PG&E. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Creating and maintaining defensible space around your property increases the chances of your home and other structures surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer created around a structure when combustible vegetation is removed or reduced. This buffer space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and can also protect your home from catching fire - either from direct flame or radiant heat.

Your property requires a defensible space of **30 feet** around all structures as required by the Town of Los Altos Hills Municipal Code 4-2.116. Please see the specific Fire Hazard Abatement Requirements (A-I) below:

Los Altos Hills Municipal Code – Fire Hazard Abatement Requirements (Items A-I)

- A. Create **30 feet** of defensible space around the home. To accomplish this, you must clear all flammable vegetation and other combustivle growth a **minimum of 30 feet** around structures.
- B. Remove the portion of any tree which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney.
- C. Maintain all trees adjacent to or overhanging any building, trees must be free of dead wood.
- D. Remove pine needles, leaves, and other dead vegetation from roofs, eaves and rain gutters.
- E. Remove flammable vegetation a minimum of 10 feet around liquefied petroleum gas tanks/containers.
- F. Remove all non-fire-resistive vegetation a minimum of 10 feet on each side of a fire apparatus access road or driveway.
- G. Cover chimney outlets or flues with a 1/2" mesh spark arrester.
- H. Post a clearly visible house address, using at least 4" high numbers, for easy identification. For homes located more than 50 feet from the street, post address numbers at the driveway entrance.
- I. Store woodpiles a minimum of 30 feet from structures and clear 15 feet above all stored fuels (e.g. woodpiles, lumber, scrap, etc.)

Additional Safety Recommendations

- Create and maintain a 0 to 5 feet noncombustible zone around all structures, including decks.
- Clear vegetation and other combustible material from underneath decks. Enclose elevated decks with fire-resistive materials.
- Trees 18 feet or taller should be limbed up 6 feet from the ground. Provide additional vertical clearance when trees have vegetation beneath it.

<<APN>> <<TRA>>

<<Full Name>>
<<Address Line 1>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<ZIP Code>>

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**SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
ATTN: FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION
14700 WINCHESTER BOULEVARD
LOS GATOS, CA 95032-1818**

Owner Responsibilities:

1. You have the option to complete the required work yourself, hire your own contractor, or you may elect to schedule the authorized contractor to perform the work. If you choose to have the authorized contractor perform the work, the charges will appear on your next property tax bill.
2. Please complete the attached information card to report the current status of your property and return before April 1, 2020.

Please note, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District operates a yard waste disposal event at no charge to residents on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Foothill College. For more information, visit www.greenwaste.com or call 650.947.4994. The Los Altos Hills County Fire District also offers a brush chipping service for properties located within the Fire District. For more information, visit www.lahcfd.org or call 650.949.1044.

Inspection Schedule:

On April 1, 2020, Santa Clara County Fire Department will begin conducting property inspections. Property owners not in compliance will be notified of what work needs to be completed to comply with the Enforced Safety Regulations. Please contact us if you are unable to complete the required work due to late season rains or other special circumstance.

On June 1, 2020, we will begin conducting re-inspections of the properties that were out of compliance at the time of the first property inspection. Properties must comply with the Fire Hazard Abatement Requirements (Items A - F) otherwise the compliance work will be completed by the **Town of Los Altos Hills'** authorized contractor and the charges for this service will appear on your next property tax bill.

If you would like to schedule a courtesy property inspection, have questions regarding the safety compliance of your property or for more information about the upcoming wildfire preparedness workshops, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at 408.378.4010.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to establish a fire resilient community.

Sincerely,


 Julie Linney, Deputy Chief
 Fire Prevention Division

Resources and Information

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| <p>California Department of Insurance: www.insurance.ca.gov • 800.927.4357
 Provides information about all types of insurance, including insurance coverage and limits for high fire risk areas</p> <p>Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E): www.PGE.com • 800.743.5000
 Services include courtesy gas appliance inspections, energy conservation, tree management and electrical safety near power lines</p> <p>Santa Clara County Fire Department: www.SCCFD.org • 408.378.4010
 Offers community education and risk reduction programs, including fire safety, injury prevention, disaster and wildfire preparedness</p> <p>Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council: www.SCCFireSafe.org • 408.975.9591
 Protects and educates communities at risk from wildfire through fuel reduction programs, outreach and community planning efforts</p> <p>Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management: www.SCCgov.org/sites/oes • 408.808.7800
 Coordinates county-wide all hazards preparedness, including AlertSCC Emergency Alert System and ReadySCC Mobile App</p> |
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Please Complete and Return

I have received the annual Los Altos Hills Municipal Code Fire Hazard Abatement letter related to flammable vegetation abatement. The current status of my property is as follows:

- I have inspected my property for flammable vegetation clearance and believe it complies with the Enforced Safety Regulations. I understand that an inspection of my property may be conducted to verify compliance.
- I will remove flammable vegetation around all structures on my property in accordance with the Enforced Safety Regulations no later than **June 1, 2020**. I understand that if the required work is not completed, the authorized contractor may complete the work and the charges will appear on my next property tax bill.
- I authorize the designated contractor to enter my property and clear all flammable vegetation to comply with the Enforced Safety Regulations. I understand the charges to complete this work will appear on my next property tax bill.
- I would like to schedule a courtesy inspection of my property with the Santa Clara County Fire Department for recommendations of the work needed to comply with the Fire Hazard Abatement Requirements.
- I am no longer the owner of this property. There are no structures on this property.

Name (print clearly): _____ **Date:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ **Email:** _____