



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

DATE

RE: APN NUMBER
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. Your property was recently inspected by the Santa Clara County Fire Department on **DATE OF INSPECTION**. At that time, the following items were identified to bring your property into compliance with the enforced Wildland Fire Safety Regulations. The noted corrections are listed below:

[X] INSERT SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS.

To schedule a re-inspection of your property, please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Santa Clara County Fire Department at (408) 341-4420 or email Prevention@sccfd.org. If your property re-inspection is not scheduled **before May 15, 2022**, the Santa Clara County Fire Department will conduct an independent re-inspection of your property. All properties must comply with the enforced Wildland Fire Safety regulations before **June 1, 2022**. If you are unable to complete the required work by this date, please call or email our offices.

If you are interested in having the County of Santa Clara perform brush or weed removal on your property, please contact the Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Program at (408) 282-3145 or visit <https://weedabatement.sccgov.org>. For your convenience, a price list indicating the rates for the County Contractor is included with this notification.

For questions about this notice or to schedule your property re-inspection, please contact the Fire Prevention Division of the Santa Clara County Fire Department at (408) 341-4420 or email Prevention@sccfd.org.

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



2022 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CONTRACTOR WEED ABATEMENT PRICE LIST

Santa Clara County Hazardous Vegetation/Weed Abatement Program

Phone: 408.282.3145

Website: <https://weedabatement.sccgov.org>

A) DISC WORK*

PARCEL SIZE:	1st Disc	+ 2nd Disc	= Total Discs
0 — 12,500 sq. ft.	<u>\$412.39</u>	<u>\$165.79</u>	<u>\$578.18</u>
12,501 — 43,560 sq. ft.	<u>\$412.39</u>	<u>\$165.79</u>	<u>\$578.18</u>
Larger than 1 Acre	<u>\$299.56</u>	<u>\$146.30</u>	<u>\$445.86</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>\$5.57 PER 100 Square Feet (SF)</u>
C) FLAIL	6 Foot Mower <u>\$7.11 PER 1,000 SF</u>
MOWING	12 Foot Mower <u>\$7.11 PER 1,000 SF</u>
D) LOADER WORK	<u>\$170.40 PER HOUR</u>
E) DUMP TRUCK	<u>\$157.29 PER HOUR</u>
F) BRUSH WORK	<u>\$5.32 PER 100 SF</u>
G) DEBRIS REMOVAL	<u>\$58.52 PER HOUR</u>
H) DUMP FEE	<u>100%</u>

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

This program does not offer herbicide application as a method of abatement.

February 28, 2022

<<Owner Name>>
<<Owner Address>>
<<Owner City>>, <<Owner State>> <<Owner ZIP Code>>

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

Dear Property Owner,

The Santa Clara County Fire Department continues to focus on preparing residents and the community for the threat of wildfire. This year, the fire department will be hosting several informative wildfire preparedness webinars with special presentations about Zonehaven, a powerful new tool to manage evacuations. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Defensible space is essential to improve your home’s chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer created around a structure when combustible vegetation is removed or reduced. This buffer is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and can also protect your home from catching fire.

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 combustible 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.
- Trees 18 feet or taller should be limbed up 6 feet from the ground. Provide additional vertical clearance when trees have vegetation beneath them.
- Clear vegetation & other combustible material from underneath decks; enclose elevated decks with fire-resistive materials. May require a permit, visit www.LosAltosHills.ca.gov or call 650.941.7222.

<<APN>> <<TRA>> <<ZoneID>>/<<AccessKey>>

<<Owner Name>>
<<Owner Address>>
<<Owner City>>, <<Owner State>> <<Owner ZIP Code>>

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

**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, or 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 either scan the QR Code below **OR** complete and return the attached information card to report the current status of your property before April 1, 2022.

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, call 650.947.4994 or visit www.greenwaste.com. 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.

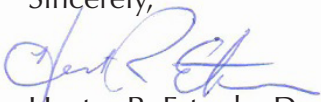
Inspection Schedule:

On April 1, 2022, 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, 2022, 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 appropriate governmental entity and/or its contractor and the charges for this service will appear on your next property tax bill.

If you have questions regarding the safety compliance of your property, or you would like to schedule a courtesy property inspection, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at 408.378.4010.

Sincerely,



Hector R. Estrada, Deputy Chief
Fire Prevention Division

Choose ONE:

1. Scan the QR code below with a smartphone camera to submit your response online **OR**
2. Complete and mail the attached information card below.

Option 1 - Respond Online

Evacuation Zone ID: <<ZoneID>>
Private Access Key: <<AccessKey>>



Or visit: bit.ly/WUresponse2022

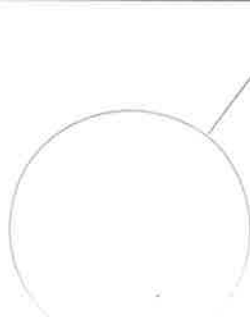
Option 2 - Respond by Mail

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, 2022**. 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 Enforced Safety Regulations.
- I am no longer the owner of this property. There are no structures on this property.

Name (print clearly): _____ Date: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____



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

