COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL BRUSH CLEARANCE NOTICE 2023

Dear Property Owner:

This is the first notice of inspection and a reminder that the County of Los Angeles Fire Department will be conducting annual brush clearance inspections within the next few months, or fuel modification inspections throughout the year.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ASSESSOR'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			SITE ADDRESS
MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	
XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX

NOTICE TO DESTROY HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS, COMBUSTIBLE GROWH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION TO INCLUDE NATIVES AND ORNAMENTALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON JANUARY 10, 2023
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

passed or will pass a resolution declaring that hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation where growing upon or in front of said improved property as specifically described by the parcel number in the resolution, to be a potential fire hazard or nuisance which, upon inspection by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department is verified to be an existing hazard or nuisance and violation of the County Fire Code pertaining to clearance of brush and vegetation growth, must be removed and the nuisance abated by the Agricultural Commissioner and the cost of removal assessed upon the land. In addition, the Board of Supervisors authorized and directed the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and the Agricultural Commissioner to recover their costs related to the enforcement of the fire code. All property owners having objection to the removal of brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, including natives and ornamentals, are hereby notified that they may attend a brush clearance referee hearing at the following location(s):

(1) Arcadia
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at 12300 Lower Azusa Rd., CA 91006 or

(2) Antelope Valley
February 16, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Los Angeles County Administrative Bldg. 335 East Ave. K-10, Lancaster, CA 93535

Protests which are not resolved will be sent before the BOARD of Supervisors on March 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., when their objections will be heard and given due consideration. If a property owner does not want to present objections to the proposed removal of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, or the recovery of enforcement and abatement cost, he/she need not to appear at the above-mentioned meeting(s).

This Notice Dated: Februarv 1. 2023 Anthonv C. Marrone. Fire Chief

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY
CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
CUDAHY
DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLENDORA
HAWAIIAN GARDENS
HAWTHORNE
HERMOSA BEACH
HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
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LA HABRA
LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD
MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA
POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA
SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
VERNON
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

BRUSH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Thousands of homes are in danger of destruction by fire because of their proximity to brush-covered areas. Homes with wood shake roofs, wood siding, decks, patio covers, or exposed eaves are particularly vulnerable to the spread of fire. Despite efforts by firefighters, wildland fires fanned by strong winds can destroy homes. It is your legal responsibility to take the necessary action by clearing vegetation around all structures at risk. A fire safe landscape creates a defensible space to help protect against approaching wildfires.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITES

1. Establish a 5-foot Ember Resistant Zone around all structures. Eliminate all vegetation and materials that could be ignited by embers from a wildfire.
2. Native and ornamental vegetation known to be flammable, including, but not limited to: Acacia, Cedar, Cypress, Eucalyptus, Juniper, Pine, and Pampas Grass, shall be removed within 30 feet of any structure or, 50 feet in extra hazard areas. Ornamental grasses and ground cover should be maintained at no higher than 3 inches.
3. Thin remaining vegetation for the next 70 feet, for a total of 100 feet, around any structure by clearing, trimming, thinning, limbing up removing flammable vegetation and dead wood. For high hazard areas this distance can be increase to a maximum of 200 feet.
4. Specimen native trees and shrubs are permissible, provided they do not form a means of transmitting fire to any structure. It is recommended that specimen shall be spaced a minimum of 15 feet or 3 times diameter from other specimens, structures or surrounding native brush.
5. Access road shall be maintained with a minimum of 10 feet of brush clearance on each side. Fire access roads shall have an unobstructed vertical clearance to the sky. Trees overhanging fire access road shall be maintained to provide adequate vertical clearance.
6. Provide a minimum of 3 feet of brush clearance around all fire hydrants.
7. It is required that all trees and shrubs shall be maintained free of deadwood and litter. Shrubs may be required to be trimmed up from the ground 1/3 of their height. Trees shall be trimmed a minimum of 6 feet or 1/3 of their height up to 40 feet, depending on surface fuels.
8. Trees are best trimmed during dormancy or during the winter months. Care should be taken when trimming trees during spring as this is the nesting season for many species of birds.

INSPECTION FEE

The Board of Supervisors has authorized an Inspection Fee of $100.00 which will be assessed on all declared hazardous properties whether or not they are cleared by the property owner.

INSPECTION TIMELINE

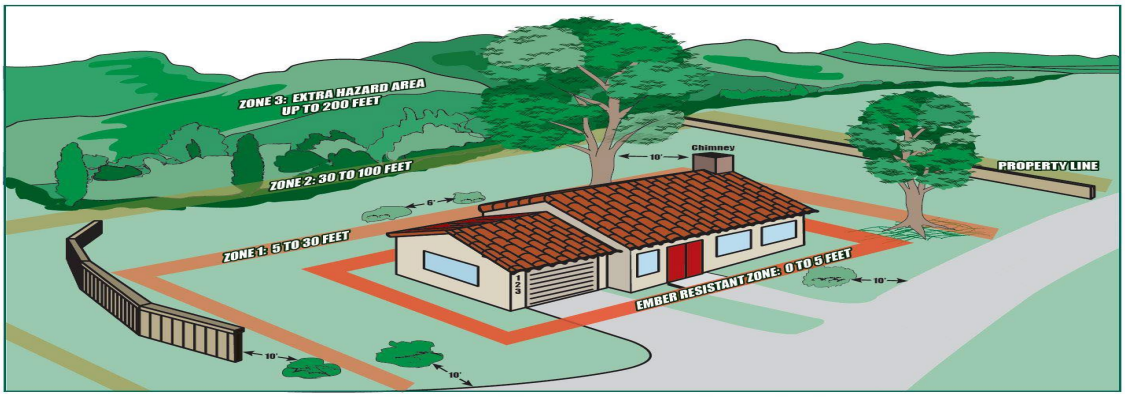
Brush Clearance inspections are scheduled to begin **April 1** in the Antelope Valley, **June 1** in the Coastal Area, and **May 1** in all other areas. If hazardous fire conditions exist on your property at the time of inspection, you will be issued an Official Inspection Report which will indicate existing violations and provide specific clearing instructions and a compliance deadline.

Failure to comply with the Official Inspection Report will result in the imposition of a $500 administrative fine. An additional $908 direct assessment will be added to your annual tax bill as item CO FIRE ABMT ENF to recover the County of Los Angeles Fire Department costs related to enforcement of the Fire Code. Additionally, if your parcel is inspected or cleared by the Agricultural Commissioner, an inspection fee of $48.09 and the clearing costs will be placed on your annual tax bill as item LA CO HAZ ABATE.

HOW TO CONTACT US

For additional information regarding specific clearing requirements, contact your local jurisdictional fire station or the Brush Clearance Unit at (626) 969-2375.

EXTRA HAZARDOUS AREAS MAY REQUIRE 200 FEET OF CLEARANCE



PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES: CREATE AND MAINTAIN A DEFENSIBLE SPACE