

Weed Abatement Program for city residents

As the season changes to summer, hot weather and wind will dry the vegetation and create a potential fire hazard. The Cloverdale Fire Protection District conducts an annual weed abatement program in the city to reduce the fire hazard within our community. The Fire District Board of Directors approved a Resolution declaring hazardous weeds a fire hazard. For home owners outside the city limits the fire district partners with Cal Fire in fire prevention efforts. Please contact us for any questions about fire safety and defensible space.

Past experience has shown that by providing a defensible space around a home will reduce the fire threat and help buy time for responding firefighters. An overgrowth of vegetation can create a serious fire threat to your home and to neighbors adjoining your property.

Our goal for the weed abatement program is to eliminate the fire threat from overgrown vegetation and tall grass by first week in July. It is the property owner's responsibility to keep weeds mowed through the fire season.

As homeowners and citizens it is our responsibility to help prevent fires by creating a defensible space around our homes and property. A defensible space is a firebreak or safety zone that is 100 feet around your home when possible to reduce the intensity, speed and spread of fire. It is a place where firefighters can take a stand when protecting your home or property. If your home is on a slope or subject to high winds, extending the distance beyond 100 feet is prudent.

The Cloverdale Fire District has available a guide for homeowners titled "Living with Fire in Sonoma County". Booklets are available at the fire station that can assist with making your home defensible. Or visit.

<http://www.firesafesonoma.org>

If you have any questions regarding the weed abatement program or any fire related matter, please contact the fire district office at 894-3545.