



City of Moreno Valley
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Community Hazard REDUCTION PROGRAM





Courtesy NOTICE

- A Courtesy notice is mailed to all vacant parcel owners 30 days prior to the start of the annual abatement season.
- All clearance requirements are provided in the notice.



FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
14177 FREDERICK STREET
P.O. BOX 88005
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92552-0805
WWW.MORENO-VALLEY.CA.US

ROBERT SMITH
54321 CURE LN.
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92552





Minimum lot CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

Disking is the preferred method.

It does not mean you will not have to do handwork to pass your inspection.



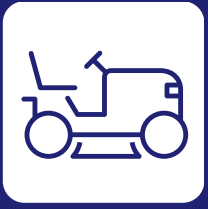


Minimum lot CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

The following are considered the minimum standards for hazard abatement. It is always best to completely remove all weeds.

PARCELS THAT ARE LESS THAN 5 ACRES:

- All weeds must be cleared from parcel.
- *Disking is the preferred method.
- Disking must fully turn over the soil to bury the weeds/vegetation.
- Additional disking may be required if soil does not mix with weeds adequately.



What about MOWING?

Mowing or weed whacking may be acceptable, however, the use of such method(s) must have prior clearance from the Fire Prevention Division (be advised, property that is mowed may be subject to substantial re-growth and require additional abatement).



MOWING

- If you mow the parcel without disking there is no guarantee that the parcel will pass.
- Mowing does not alleviate the contractor from removing fuel cuttings through haul off or disking.
- Mowing presents additional fire hazards (from sparks) and extra precautions must be taken in order to be done safely.
- Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for direction on safety procedures while mowing.



Endangered Species ACT

NOTE: WHERE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT,
DISKING PROHIBITED.

STATE GOVERNED AGENCIES

This notice does not authorize violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act or violation of other state or Federal laws or regulations. For information on dust control, contact South Coast Air Quality Management District at (909) 396-2000. For information on the alteration of a stream channel, wetland or irrigation, which may require a state or federal permit, contact the City's Planning Division at (951) 413-3206





State or Federally REGULATED PROPERTIES

Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to name a few





Dust Control AGENCIES

Contact the Air Quality Management District at (909) 306-2000 for dust control information in case your property abatement will produce migrant dust.





HOW CAN YOU PASS THE FIRST TIME?

- DID YOU GO OVER THE LIST OF REQUIREMENTS?
- IS THE PARCEL PROPERLY ABATED TO THE SPECIFIC MORENO VALLEY REQUIREMENTS?



When You Finish A Parcel

MAKE A CHECKLIST OF THESE ITEMS:

- ☐ ARE ALL WEEDS AND DRY VEGETATION REMOVED?
- ☐ DID YOU REMOVE THE CUTTINGS ON THE GROUND ?
- ☐ DID THE PARCEL PERIMETERS GET CLEARED?
- ☐ IS ANY NEEDED HANDWORK COMPLETED?
- ☐ DID YOU LEAVE TRASH OR DEBRIS ON THE PARCEL
- ☐ DID THE TREE BRANCHES GET TRIMMED AS REQUIRED?
- ☐ ARE FIRE BREAKS PROVIDED ON PARCELS OVER 5 ACRES ON PERIMETERS AND CROSS CUTS?



City of Moreno Valley

MINIMUM LOT CLEARING DESIGNATIONS





Identification OF PARCELS


- State of the art GIS (Graphic Information Systems) Mapping Technology is utilized by our Fire Inspectors for property/parcel identification.
- Most current Riverside County Tax Assessor Parcel Information utilized is used for noticing.





Notice of VIOLATION

Non-compliant inspection results is a Notice of Violation which is sent to the parcel owner once inspection has been completed.

 **Fire Prevention**
14177 Frederick Street
P.O. Box 88005
Moreno Valley, CA 92552-0805

**HAZARD REDUCTION
NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

263-150-013
DORITA TRADING CO
15527 AQUA VERDE DR
LOS ANGELES CA, 90077

DATE: 04/26/2010 APN: 263-150-013

Your property was inspected on 04/19/2010 to confirm compliance with the City's Hazard Reduction Program, the Moreno Valley Municipal Code 6.04, and the California Fire Code 304.1.2. Abatement work will be required by you or your contractor. It was determined that the following conditions exist on your property and must be corrected within ten (10) days of the above date.

Abatement work to be performed:

- Weeds have not been properly abated according to the lot size requirements
- Handwork/cleanup required along perimeter of property.
- Tree branches have not been cleared 8 feet from ground.
- Other: unapproved mowing

INSPECTED BY: FRANK MARTINEZ

If you have not brought the property into compliance within ten (10) days, the City will have the abatement performed. Abatement costs, plus administrative and re-inspection fees will be assessed against the property. In addition, an Administrative Citation may be issued.

APPEAL PROCESS:
You may appeal to the Fire Marshal of the City of Moreno Valley and show cause, if any, why the City should not abate the public nuisance. Such appeal shall be in writing and filed with the Fire Prevention Bureau within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice. The Fire Prevention Bureau is located at City Hall, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 88005 Moreno Valley, CA 92552-0805. Further questions concerning this notice can be directed to the Weed Abatement Hotline at (951) 413-3381.

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Abatements MUST ALSO INCLUDE

1. Handwork along perimeters: Removal of weeds/debris from parkway area and edge of street pavement to property; removal of concrete*, asphalt*, junk, trash, tires, etc.; disking more than once where soil has not adequately mixed with grass; disking twice where tumbleweeds exist.

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND

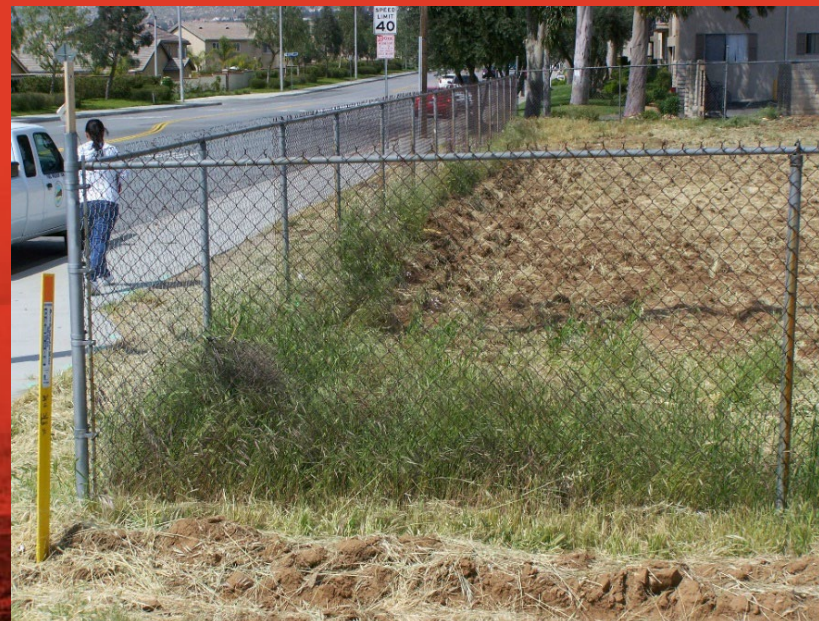
2. Fire Officials may require additional abatement work to maximize fire hazard reduction. Owner may be held liable for costs associated with any Fire Suppression Services that occur on your property which result from dry vegetation or other types of combustible material.

*Contractor to verify removal with Fire Inspector



Non Compliant ABATEMENT

Parcels were disked by contractor but no handwork around the perimeter, Parcel is not completely abated.





Non Compliant ABATEMENT

Junk, trash, and debris left on parcel, and/or substantial regrowth of vegetation has occurred.





Non-Compliant EXAMPLES





Perris & Iris

BEFORE & AFTER





Compliant ABATEMENT





Compliant ABATEMENT





Removal of TREE LIMBS (BRANCHES)

To provide a minimum of an 8' clearance from ground to branches.



Trim to 8 feet
from Ground

Note: Trees shall be trimmed so that there are no dead or overgrown branches within eight feet (8') from the ground. Trees less than twenty-four feet (24') shall be trimmed up 1/3 of the total height of the tree.



There are 5 CATEGORIES OF PARCELS

- Parcels less than 5 acres in size
- Parcels over 5 acres in size
- Agricultural properties
- Hillside Residential Properties
- State Governed Agency Properties



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

FOR PARCELS
LESS THAN 5 ACRES



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS



- Parcel has been mowed but cuttings remain on the ground, **THIS WILL NOT PASS.**
- Fuel is still present that presents a fire hazard.
- Tree has not been trimmed up 8 feet from ground.



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

FOR PARCELS
LESS THAN 5 ACRES

**DISKING
INCOMPLETE**



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

PROPERTY **5** ACRES OR **MORE**



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

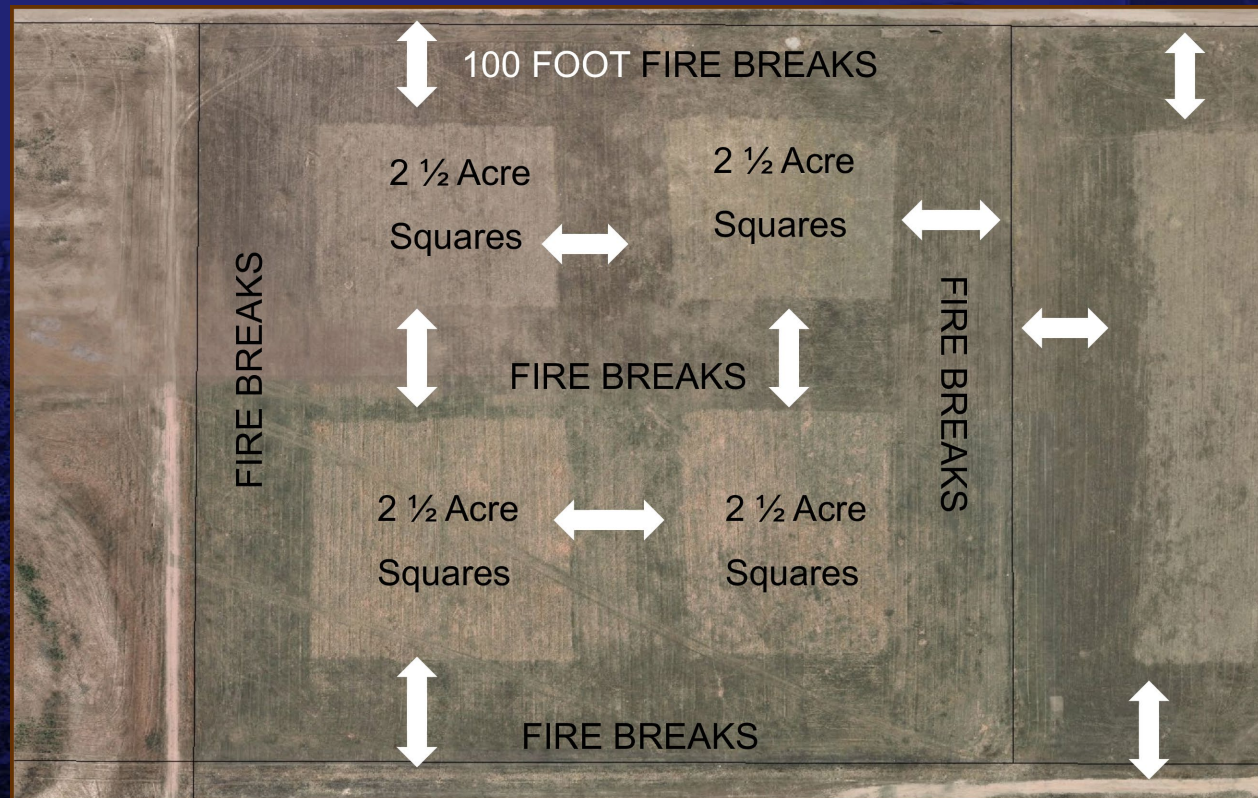
- **100 foot minimum fire break around perimeter**
- **200 foot minimum firebreak along any residential developments**
- **100 foot minimum crosscut firebreaks**
 - Applied so that no remaining un-cleared portion of the property is **greater than 2.5 acres.**



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MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS

100 foot minimum fire break along the perimeter(s)





5 Acres
OR MORE

EXAMPLE OF COMPLIANT PROPERTY





Parcels 5 Acres OR MORE

200 Feet FIRE BREAK ALONG ANY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT





Hillside Residential

PROPERTIES





Hillside Residential Properties

“DEFENSIBLE SPACE”

- Structures must have a 100 foot clearance from any flammable/combustible materials or dry vegetation.
- Minimum 100 foot firebreak from heavy vegetation.
- Minimum 30 foot clearance from any mature tree trunk.





Hillside Residential

PROPERTIES





Agricultural PROPERTIES





Agricultural PROPERTIES





Agricultural PARCELS

**CROP HARVESTING IS REQUIRED TO BE
COMPLETED BY JULY 1**



Why didn't IT PASS

- Cuttings left on top of the soil, dry vegetation (fuel) still poses a fire hazard.
- Soil not turned over, weeds and dry vegetation were not buried, handwork not done.
- Contractor will be asked to re-disk the parcel or it will be assigned to City abatement contractor for full abatement.



Abatement

TIMELINE REVIEW

- Step 1) A Courtesy Notice is mailed to parcel owners of undeveloped properties using most current address from County Tax Assessor records 30 days before inspections start.
- Step 2) Fire Department parcel assessments BEGIN (Hazard Reduction Inspections).
- Step 3) Parcels found to be non-compliant with Moreno Valley Abatement Standards will be issued a Notice of Violation. Parcel owners will have 15 calendar days to voluntarily comply. Notice of Violation will be sent via certified mail.
- Step 4) Fire Inspectors will conduct a re-inspection on parcels after the voluntary compliance date referenced on Notice of Violation issued to property owners.



Abatement TIMELINE

FINAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED

Any parcels found to be non-compliant at the time of the re-inspection will be forwarded to City Abatement Contractor for abatement as submitted by the city.





Fees for FAILURE TO COMPLY

The following fees will be assessed to all non-compliant parcels that are force abated by the City Contractor:

- The actual cost of abatement as submitted by the city contractor based on contractual agreement with the City of Moreno Valley.
- \$150 Inspection Fee for Initial and subsequent parcel assessment.
- \$240.00 Administrative Fee for processing all documents, notices and liens.
- \$70.15 Riverside County Processing Fee.
- \$16.00 Special Districts – Fixed Charge Levy Admin Fee.
- Fees only charged to those parcels where city abatement contractors perform work when parcels do not meet city abatement requirements.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Questions:

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