

## WEED ORDINANCE

On July 2, 2002 the Board of Directors of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District adopted Hazard Reduction Ordinance # 2002-02. The intent of the ordinance is to make persons and properties within the Fire District safer in the event of a wild land fire.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Fire District has hired a private contractor, Fire Prevention Services Inc. to conduct inspections on properties within the boundaries of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District.

1. Trash, rubbish, debris and other combustible materials, which create a fire hazard, must be removed from property when within 100' of a structure and properly disposed of.
2. Improved properties shall maintain one hundred feet (100') of clearance from all structures clear of native vegetation weeds and brush. Distance shall be measured in a horizontal plane.
3. Vacant properties shall maintain one hundred feet (100') of clearance from adjacent structures clear of native vegetation, weeds and brush. Distance shall be measured in a horizontal plane.
4. Roadways, recorded easements, and or driveways shall be cleared to at least the width of the roadway plus ten feet (10') on each side, and to a height of thirteen and one-half feet (13 1/2') above the road surface.
5. Propane tank shall maintain ten feet (10') of clearance clear of native vegetation, weeds and brush.

### 6. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS:

\* Clearance of properties shall be accomplished by methods that will not disturb native soil or rootstock. Grading shall not be used to clear the properties without a valid County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use grading permit.

\* Native chaparral may be thinned as approved by the Fire District. Cuttings may be mulched and left on top of the soil to a maximum depth of six inches (6") or may be hauled to an approved County landfill site.

\* Mature trees must be trimmed to six feet (6') above the ground or as approved by the Fire District and must be cut back to at least ten feet (10') from chimneys. All leaves, bark and other debris must be removed from the ground and roof.

NOTE: Land owners who have been notified of the existence of a rare, threatened, or endangered plant on the property to be cleared must notify the Department of Fish and Game at least 10 days in advance of undertaking the vegetation clearance. If the landowner is aware of any state or federal listed species on the property, then the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game should be notified prior to abatement. If a state or federal candidate or species is killed, injured and captured, the landowner shall report this information to the department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, respectively. If you suspect you may have species of coastal sage or known Gnatcatcher habitat on your property or are in question, a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (619 431-9440) may be required prior to clearing.