



WEED & REFUSE ABATEMENT STANDARDS

Trimming the hedges, cutting the grass, clearing the fields, and removing combustible trash helps to make the Greenfield community fire safe. To assist you in complying with the 2019 California Fire Code and the City of Greenfield Weed and Rubbish Ordinances, the following are the minimum acceptable standards.

***Weed abatement must be maintained from
The Start of Fire Season (usually May 1st) through the end of fire season (usually
December 1st) of every year.***

If Your Property is Three Acres or Less

Parcels of 3 acres or less must be mowed or disked completely.

If Your Property is Three Acres or Larger

Parcels three acres and larger may be mowed or disked but must have as a minimum, soil firebreaks around the perimeter and cross breaks at intervals breaking each block in no greater than 1 acre (or as directed by the Fire Department). Firebreaks shall be a minimum of 30-feet in width at perimeters and cross breaks and 50-feet minimum around structures. Down slope clearances from structures shall be a minimum of 100 feet. Clearances around and under trees shall be a minimum of 30 feet.

Exemption: Fenced pastures where livestock grazes and maintains a safe pasture.

Orchards and Vineyards

Orchards and vineyards shall be disked both ways to a distance of 30 feet from any roadway. The remaining parcel may be disked only one way.

Hay and Grain

If you are growing hay and grain, it must be cut at harvest time. Hay and grain left uncut will be subject to abatement. Firebreaks must be completed at the time of harvest.

Mower Height and Equipment

Your mower height must be set at a maximum height of three inches unless conditions require a greater height that shall be determined by the Fire Department. **All equipment used for weed abatement work shall be equipped with proper spark arresters, mufflers, etc.** A fire extinguisher of pressurized-water or back-pump type is required on equipment for immediate accessibility and use.

Combustible Refuse

Combustible refuse is defined as accumulated trash that can create a fire hazard or other health and safety hazards to the property it is located on, or surrounding properties. Piles of combustible rubbish shall be removed.

Typical Annual Timeline

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| Mid April | Fire season is declared by the State Fire Marshal and/or local authority. |
| May 1 | All lots are to be in compliance with the City of Greenfield Ordinance 8.16. |
| Mid May | Properties inspected for compliance, noncompliant property owners notified, and advised of upcoming public hearing to abate noncompliant properties. |
| June 1 | Greenfield City Council holds a public hearing for non-compliant lots. |
| Mid June | City is authorized to clear non-compliant lots. |

NOTE: Annual timeline can vary due to current weather conditions. The Fire Department and City will rely upon the California State Fire Marshal to determine when fire season begins and ends. ***Property Owner are expected to maintain their property throughout the duration of fire season.***