

MINIMUM LOT CLEARING REQUIREMENTS:

The following are considered minimum standards. It is always best to completely remove all vegetation and/or weeds.

PROPERTY LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACRES IN SIZE:

1. All weeds must be abated.
2. 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. NOTE: WHERE REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, DISKING IS PROHIBITED.
3. Mowing or weed whacking may be acceptable, however, the use of such method(s) must have prior clearance from this office (be advised, property that is mowed may be subject to substantial re-growth and require additional abatement).

PROPERTY OVER FIVE (5) ACRES IN SIZE:

1. 100-foot minimum firebreak along the perimeter(s).
2. 200-foot minimum firebreak along any residential development.
3. 100-foot minimum "crosscut" firebreaks applied so that no remaining uncleared portion of land is greater than 2.5 acres.
4. Multiple parcels owned by the same party must be cleared per guidelines for individual parcel size. Conjoined parcels less than one acre may not be cleared as parcels over 5 acres aggregate.
5. Additional lot clearance may be required as a result of inspection by the Fire Prevention Officer or the City Fire Marshal.

HILLSIDE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

1. Structures must have a 100-foot clearance from any flammable/combustible material or dry vegetation.
2. Minimum 100-foot clearance from heavy vegetation.
3. Minimum 30-foot clearance from any mature tree trunk.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY:

1. Minimum 30-foot firebreak along the perimeter from edge of road (may require handwork).
2. Minimum 100-foot firebreak from improved property.
3. Crop harvesting should be completed by July 1.

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.

TUMBLEWEED ABATEMENT

All parcels will be inspected again beginning October 15th for clearance of tumbleweeds. All tumbleweeds shall be removed and disposed of prior to October 15th. For information about obtaining a burn permit for tumbleweed disposal, contact your local fire station. Failure to remove tumbleweeds will result in city contractor removal and will be billed to your property tax bill.

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 Hazard Reduction Hotline at (951) 413-3381.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please refer to the City of Moreno Valley's website at www.moval.org for additional information regarding Weed Abatement, Defensible Space, and Fire Safety.