

PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT

199 S. LOS ROBLES AVENUE, SUITE 550
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91101-2458

HAZARDOUS VEGETATION INSPECTION NOTICE

Date: Fire Company Fire Station Telephone:
Occupancy Class Fire Station Fax:
Inspector: Print Name Signature Verification of correction by: Mail Re-inspection Fax
Date Completed:

THE ADDRESSED PROPERTY IS IN VIOLATION OF UNIFORM FIRE CODE, PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (PMC) - SECTION 14.29.030 AND PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (PMC) 14.29.040. CHECKED ITEMS MUST BE CORRECTED ON OR BEFORE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AND POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION.

Location: Occupant Name:
Owner's Name: Business Phone #:
Address: Roof Type:
City: Phone #:

- 1. Clearance of Brush and Combustible Growth:
a. Clear and remove all flammable vegetation or combustible located 30 feet around any structure or 50 feet around any structure in extra hazard areas.
b. Clear, cut back, thin out, trim up and remove flammable vegetation or combustible growth for a distance of 100 feet around any structure or 200 feet around any structure in extra hazard areas so as to create a firebreak.
c. Roadways: Clear and remove all flammable or combustible growth for a minimum of 10 feet on each side of every roadway whether public or private.
2. Fire access roads, driveways and turnarounds shall be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code.
3. Remove that portion of any tree that extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney.
4. Trees over 6 feet in height which are located within 30 feet of any building or structure, or within 10 feet from the nearest curb of any highway, street, alley or driveway, whether publicly or privately owned, shall be maintained such that no leafy foliage, twigs or branches are within 3 feet of the ground.
5. A vertical clearance of 5 feet shall be maintained between the roof surface of any building or structure and any foliage, limb or branch of any tree or other foliage which overhangs the roof of such building or structure.
6. Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles or other dead vegetative growth.
7. Combustible Materials: No fire wood, manure, compost or other combustible materials shall be placed or stored within 30 feet of any building or structure.
8. Spark Arrestor: Provide chimney with a spark arrestor constructed of a heavy wire mesh or other noncombustible material with opening not to exceed one-half inch.
9. Illegal Dumping: No person shall dump any garbage, trash or combustible waste material in or upon hazardous fire areas or along any trail, roadway or highway in a hazardous area.
10. No flammable vegetation shall be permitted to cling, climb or be otherwise attached to any outside wall of any building or structure.
11. Fire Department Key System: When access to or within a structure or an area is unduly difficult because it is secured by a gate, an approved fire department key system will be required when access is necessary for life saving or firefighting purposes.
12. Building Address Numbers: Shall be placed on the front of all buildings and shall be visible from the street fronting the property.
13. AFTER COMPLETING THIS BRUSH INSPECTION, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT YOUR PROPERTY MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE HAZARDOUS BRUSH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND IS NOT IN VIOLATION.
Other

Owner/Occupant: Pre-Citation Notice

## BRUSH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Thousands of homes are in serious danger of destruction by fire because of their proximity to brush-covered areas. Homes with wood shake roofs, wood siding, decks, patio covers or exposed eaves are particularly vulnerable to the spread of fire. Despite efforts by firefighters, wildland fires fanned by strong winds, can destroy homes. It is your legal responsibility to take the necessary actions to clear vegetation around any given structures. A firesafe landscape creates a defensible space to help protect against approaching wildfires.

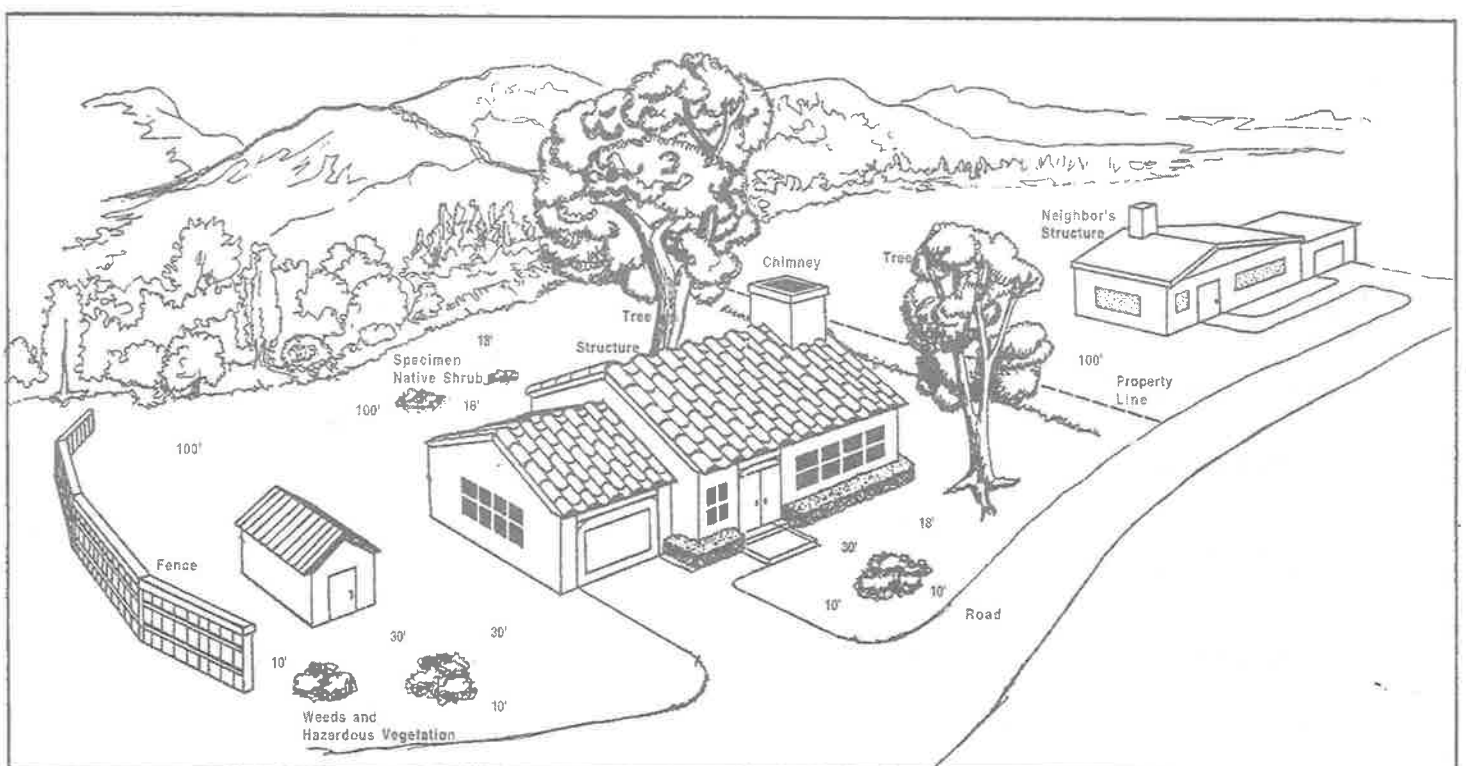
1. All flammable vegetation identified as a fire hazard by the inspecting officer shall be mowed or cut to a stubble height of 3 inches, for 30 feet around any structure or 50 feet in high hazard areas.
2. Create a firebreak for the next 70 feet, for a total of 100 feet, around any structure by clearing, trimming, thinning, cutting back and removing flammable vegetation. For high hazard areas, this distance can be increased to a maximum of 200 feet.
3. Single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or ground covers are permissible, provided that they do not form a means of transmitting fire to any structure. Such specimens shall be spaced a minimum of 15 feet or 3 times their diameter from other specimens, structures or surrounding native brush.
4. All trees and shrubs shall be maintained free of dead wood and litter. Trees and shrubs shall be trimmed up from the ground 1/3 of their height.
5. Access roads shall be maintained with a minimum of 10 feet brush clearance on each side. Trees and shrubs overhanging roadways shall be trimmed to a minimum of 16 feet vertical clearance.
6. Provide a minimum 3 feet clearance around all fire hydrants.

All plants will burn under extreme fire weather conditions. Fire resistant plants burn at a relatively low intensity, slow rates of spread and with short flame lengths. To best protect your home from fire, it is recommended that fire resistant plants are used when landscaping.

### BRUSH CLEARANCE MAINTENANCE IS A YEAR-ROUND RESPONSIBILITY

**REMEMBER: EXTRA HAZARDOUS AREAS MAY REQUIRE 200 FEET OF CLEARANCE**

NOTE: Care should be taken when reducing the amount of fuel cover on slopes so as not to create an erosion problem.



Disposition:  Referred to Fire Prevention Division (626) 744-4668

Enforcement Action

Citation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_