



City of Red Bluff
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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April 1, 2007

Dear Red Bluff Property Owner,

This notice is only for property owners that have property within the Red Bluff City limits. It is Spring Time and we would like to remind you that all grass and weeds that could be a potential fire hazard, as well as trash, rubble, and other debris must be removed from all properties within the city limits. As in the past, this letter is to remind you that all clean up must be completed by **June 1, 2007.**

If your property meets the requirements set forth in the Red Bluff City Code, consider this a **THANK YOU** for doing your part in the beautification of our city and helping to prevent fires in our community.

For your convenience, the weed abatement standards and a list of weed abatement providers are on the reverse side. This is not an endorsement of any individual or business by the City of Red Bluff, the Red Bluff Fire Department, or any of its representatives.

On June 1, 2007, those property owners who have not complied with this request **will receive a 10 day notice to comply.** All property owners not in compliance at the end of this time period will be cited to court.

Again, we would like to emphasize that if your property meets the standards, please consider this letter a **THANK YOU** for your help in reducing fire hazards.

If you have any questions, please call the Red Bluff Fire Department at 527-1126.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bachmeyer
Fire Marshal

CITY OF RED BLUFF WEED ABATEMENT STANDARDS

The following Weed Abatement Standards are designed to assist fire fighting efforts by slowing the spread of fire. They are not designed for City beautification. The Authority Having Jurisdiction has the final decision in determining whether an area is "safe from the spread of fire" and conforms to the "intent of the code".

Weeds, grass, or other combustible growth may be abated by mowing, disking, or scraping. If mowed, the combustible growth must be cut and maintained at a height that would not constitute a fire hazard. **ABATEMENT BY OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED.**

REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH

1. Land Areas of Less Than Five(5) Acres:

Maintain an effective firebreak by removing and clearing away flammable vegetation and combustible growth areas within 30 feet of buildings and/or structures. If property is less than one (1) acre the property must be completely abated.

2. Land Areas of Five(5) Acres or Larger:

- (a) Mow or disk space around all buildings 50 feet wide at minimum.
- (b) Mow or disk space 50 feet wide minimum completely around the perimeter of the property to the street or sidewalk. Mow or disk 30 feet wide crossbreaks minimum every 50 feet maximum.
- (c) Mow or disk space extending 30 feet minimum beyond the foliage of any group of trees.

3. Developers:

- (a) Applications may be approved on a case-by-case basis for a burn permit to burn brush due to development of property. Contact the Fire Marshal for details. If approved, burning must take place prior to May 1st, weather permitting.

REMOVAL OF RUBBISH, TRASH, OR OTHER UNSAFE OR NOXIOUS CONDITION

1. All Properties:

- (a) All rubbish, trash, trimmings, rubble or litter shall be removed from the property.
- (b) All woods, fuel, or lumber shall be neatly stacked or removed from the property.
- (c) All weeds, grass, or other combustible growth shall be cleared at least 10 feet from around any combustible storage.
- (d) Greenbelt, pastures and environment sensitive areas shall be assessed on an individual basis. Contact fire department if this applies to your property.
- (e) Mow or disk space may be required to be larger if a potential fire hazard exists.

WEED ABATEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Bill Alward
529-1641

Steve's Tractor and Landscaping
385-1783

Marvin Eckels Tractor
385-2454

Les Poppleton Jr.
529-3689

Brian Madison
527-8983

Jeff Ross
527-3172

Tractor Dan
527-1437

Mickey Garner
209-5856

Epperson & Sons Tractor Service
526-1422

Jeff's Tractor Service
527-1764

R & R Small Tractor & Dump Service
529-1041

Dan Tractor Service
529-1520

Merton McFall's Tractor Service
824-3455