



Alameda County Fire Department

Fire Code Administration Division

REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

Weeds, Rubbish, and Litter Abatement

The following are the minimum requirements for removal of weeds, rubbish and litter. All areas must be maintained throughout the year as follows:

RUBBISH, LITTER AND DEBRIS

Remove any rubbish, garbage, litter, junk, old building materials, or other items completely from the property and appropriately dispose of them.

WEEDS AND OVERGROWN VEGETATION

Follow the guidelines found in the "Wildfire is Coming, Are You...Ready?" brochure located at the link below.

<https://readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/defensible-space/>

Prune any overgrown plants, shrubs or trees; remove cuttings and dead tree limbs. Keep all trees, shrubs, and other vegetation, or portions thereof adjacent to any building or structure, free from dead limbs, branches, and other combustible materials. Maintain roof of building or structure free of leaves, needles, twigs or other combustible litter.

Remove any portion of a tree that extends within ten feet (10') of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe. Maintain around and adjacent to any such building or structure, a fire break made by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth to ground level which is located within 100 feet of a building, structure or to the property line, which ever is nearer. Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet and less than 4 inches in height above the ground may be maintained.

Removal may be achieved by a variety of means, including but not limited to animal grazing, chemical application, disking, cutting, etc.

Any questions should be directed to the Alameda County Fire Department Fire Code Administration Division in your area.

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