



Fire Department Weed Abatement Program

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Weed Abatement Program

- The Santa Rosa Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau coordinates an annual Weed Abatement (W.A.) inspection program throughout the City.
- Each year, the program begins with the Santa Rosa City Council, through Resolution, declaring weeds and rubbish to be a public nuisance. This step is followed up by a Public Hearing where the public has the opportunity to express any objections to the program.

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- W.A. Notices are mailed prior to Fire Season to property owners that have had recurring problems or are in higher risk areas
- New criteria this season for all parcels located on undeveloped parcels, on developed parcels over .5 acres with more than .5 acres of unimproved land, or on parcels located in a Wildland Urban Interface Fire Area within the City limits.
- The notice lists the requirements of the Ordinance and the date the property must be brought into compliance.
- After the compliance date, parcels are inspected by Fire Prevention personnel on a

Weed Abatement Process

- If a property is inspected and is not in compliance, a W.A. Violation Notice will be sent to the property owner, listing the violation(s) and a date for the next inspection.
- If a property remains out of compliance following the W.A. Violation Notice, the Fire Department is authorized to use our contractor to abate the property: Costs associated are recovered by the City.

RECOMMENDATION

- The Santa Rosa Fire Department recommends that the Council, by resolution, declare weeds and rubbish a public nuisance on applicable parcels.

- Questions?