



DUSTIN GARDNER
County Fire Chief

NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARD

On May 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM, the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District will meet to hear the report of the Fire Chief regarding this fire hazard. Any objections will be heard and given due consideration. The Board's decision is final. You are not required to attend this hearing. To attend the hearing, please visit the Board's Website: www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/

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Ventura County of
800 S Victoria Av
Ventura CA 93009-0002

Date Mailed	Assessors Parcel #	Property Location
4/20/2024	695-0-062-010	33 LAKE SHERWOOD DR 91361

Dear Property Owner,

This is a legal notice identifying you as the recorded owner of the described parcel of land. Your property is in an area prone to wildfire and hazardous vegetation. Your parcel is being included in the Fire District's "Fire Hazard Reduction Program" (FHRP) due to the hazardous conditions that are or could be on the parcel. Additional clearance may be necessary to maintain re-growth throughout the year.

The Fire Hazard Reduction Program is intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the provisions of these code sections. You are hereby notified that the seasonal and recurrent weeds, stubble, brush, dry grass, dry leaves, tumble weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable materials of any kind present on your property constitutes a fire hazard and public nuisance and must be cleared in accordance with the Ventura County Fire Codes, California State Health and Safety Code Sec. 14875-14922, Public Resource Code Sec. 4291, Government Code Sec. 51182, California Code of Regulations Title 14 and 19.

You are only responsible to clear your property. Your clearance requirements are:

- ☒ Remove fire hazard on your property within 100 feet of any structures.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

DEADLINE TO REMOVE FIRE HAZARD: JUNE 1, 2024

This is not a citation. There are no fees assessed if you complete your required clearance.

Failure to remove fire hazards by the deadline will result in the removal by the Fire District. The cost of removal, plus an administrative fee of \$1744.00 will constitute a special assessment tax lien against the parcel. The Ventura County Fire Department will automatically conduct an inspection for compliance close to the deadline. Scheduling an appointment is not necessary.

Please refer all questions to:

Fire Station 33A at (805) 371-0474

All Fire Stations are active and may not be in quarters. Please leave a message or try again. The best times to call are 7:00 am - 10:00 am and 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

General Requirements

- All vegetation, including ornamental vegetation, is subject to defensible space regulations.
- Rake, remove, and properly dispose of all cut material. Do not place outside the 100-foot zone.
- Limb trees up from the ground a minimum of 6 feet and provided additional spacing above plants located underneath trees.
- All dead palm fronds on palm trees forming a "skirt" of brown thatch shall be removed. This applies to palm trees within 100 feet of any structure and 10 feet from a road or driveway.
- Remove portions of any tree that extends within 10 feet horizontally or vertically of a chimney / stovepipe outlet.
- Remove all tree branches and vegetation within 3 feet to the side, above, and below the roof or any eave projection from the exterior wall of the structure.
- Remove leaves, needles, bark and dead branches from the ground, roof, and rain gutters.
- Remove combustible mulch and chips within 5 feet of a building. A maximum 3-inch depth is allowed for areas beyond 5 feet.
- Locate wood piles a minimum 30 feet from buildings and 10 feet from combustible vegetation.
- Properties utilizing ground mounted solar power (photovoltaic systems), private water systems, and LPG tanks shall provide 10 feet of bush clearance.
- All vegetation and obstructions shall be cleared within 3 feet of any fire hydrant.

Recommendations:

- Do all yard maintenance that requires gas or electrical motor equipment early in the day, NOT in the heat of the day, or when winds are blowing. Never use lawn mowers in dry vegetation. Have a fire extinguisher available to extinguish any accidental fires.
- Check all vent openings to structure and protect with a 1/8-inch or smaller screen.
- Provide an approved spark arrestor on all chimneys.
- Please make sure your address numbers on your home are visible from the street.
- If you have a gate leading to your home on an access road or driveway, make sure it has a Knox System installed to allow access by emergency responders. vcfd.org/fire-prevention/knox-rapid-entry-system.
- To determine where your property lines are located, please visit: maps.ventura.org/countyview/.

Important Information

- If you would like to receive confirmation that the work on your property has been approved, please visit our website listed below.
- See **VCFD Standard 515 – "Defensible Space and Fuel Modification Zones"** for requirements on plant and tree size, height, and spacing requirements within the 100-foot defensible space zone.
- It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Assessor's Office of any mailing address change: assessor.countyofventura.org
- If you sell the property, failure to disclose this legal notice to the new owner may make you liable for hazard abatement charges assessed to the property. For information regarding required disclosures and inspections when selling residential property, please see vcfd.org/ab38/
- For additional information regarding the Fire Hazard Reduction Program contact the FHRP Unit.

Prepare Yourself and Your Home Against Wildfires

FHRP Unit: **805-389-9759**

Email: **FHRP@ventura.org**

Website: **vcfhrp.org**

