

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

**Standards & Procedures**

**CRITERIA:**

*Any parcel which is determined by the Fire Chief or his representative to be a fire hazard as defined by the 2007 California Fire Code Section 304 Combustible Waste Material is in violation of the UFC Section 1103.2.4 and shall be abated.*

**MINIMUM STANDARDS (Residential Properties)**

1. Parcel fronting on a public street or alley shall be abated to the edge of the public street or alley. (Yes, this is your property and your responsibility).
2. Trees shall be limbed no less than 6 feet from ground level within 30 feet of buildings (100' highly recommended).
3. Brush and combustible vegetation (*excluding landscaping*) must be cleared 30 feet (100' highly recommended) around all buildings.
4. Remove that portion of any tree extending within 10 feet of the chimney outlet.
5. Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead wood.
6. Maintain by removing all debris, leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth from roof structures and rain gutters.
7. Remove any/all flammable dead debris from underneath/around all bushes, plants, and/or landscaping structures including stairs, decks, patios, carports, etc.
8. Post address in visible area in numbers not less than 3" high, 3/8" wide and in a contrasting color. If your address cannot be seen from the roadway and/or if your driveway serves multiple residences, post your address (same specifications above) on a 4' post at the driveway entrance so that it is visible from both ways of travel.
9. Maintain driveway access clear 14 feet wide and 13 feet 6 inches high.

**MINIMUM STANDARDS (Large lot or unimproved properties)**

1. The parcel shall be cleared to grade of all combustible weeds and debris. *EXCEPTION:* When cutting is used as the method of abatement, the remaining stubble shall not exceed 2 inches in height.
2. Dry pastures (fenced land used for the purpose of grazing livestock) and dry croplands (land used to produce grain or hay) shall have a firebreak around the entire perimeter of the parcel.
3. Firebreaks shall be no less than 16 feet minimum width and completely cleared of all combustible weeds, debris, hay and grain. *NOTE:* Combustible weeds and debris shall not be removed by burning. Firebreaks shall be tilled, disked, or scraped.
4. Parcels which experience a "second growth" shall be re-cut, if it is determined to be a fire hazard.

**ABATEMENT PROCEDURES**

The following list outlines the only acceptable procedures allowed for the abatement of fire hazards created by combustible weeds and/or debris:

- **CUTTING:** Combustible weeds and debris may be cut manually and/or mechanically. Cut material shall be collected, removed, and properly disposed of. *EXCEPTION:* Cut material, which is finely mulched, does not have to be collected and removed.
- **ROTOTILLING OR DISCING:** Combustible weeds and debris shall be turned under the soil.
- **SCRAPING:** Combustible weeds and debris may be scraped manually and/or mechanically. The scraped material shall be collected, removed and properly disposed of.
- **CHEMICAL SPRAYING:** Weeds may be sprayed to prevent growth. This is a preventative measure to be conducted prior to the weeds reaching maturity or drying out.
- **ANY COMBINATION OF THE METHODS LISTED ABOVE.**

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**Excavating & Backhoe Services**

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**Jim's Tractor Service**

81 Gaffey Road  
Watsonville CA 95076  
831-724-0303

Michael Donovan

**Pro Tec Fire Maintenance**

675-1000  
Brush, tree, roofs, mowing  
No Discing

Tom Aguras

**Tom's Weed Abating & Tilling**

831-277-7788  
TC-29 New Holland 4X4  
5' Flyle Mower (4' Disc)

**Matt Conner**

1275 Ridge Road  
Ben Lomond CA 95005  
831-336-2437 H  
831-336-5911 F  
831-332-5194 Cell  
Kubota w/weed mower  
Post hole digger, hydraulic  
Scraper & 4X1 bucket

**Dirt Works Tractor Services**

784 Northridge Center # 306  
Salinas CA 93906  
831-970-5449 or 831-763-2327  
24 hr emergency service, slope terrain  
Light to heavy dense brush cutting tractor service

**Goats for Land Clearing**

Call For Estimate:

831-345-6691

**Brian Dodds**

Sycamore Farms  
[www.sycamorefarms.net](http://www.sycamorefarms.net)

Lane Odam

**LMO Landscaping**

724-1448 or 818-8419  
Kubota Tractor  
Brush Cutters  
Weed Whackers

**Jake Wilhelmi Tractor Service**

595 N El Camino Real  
Salinas CA 93901  
831-443-0121  
831-214-5158 Cell

**K & D Landscaping**

728-4018  
Up to 2 acres, tractor, tiller, mower

**Contreras Property Maintenance**

P.O. Box 33  
Moss Landing CA 95039  
831- 206-0100 or 831-722-9258

- *The businesses listed above have either been taken from the Yellow Pages or the individual has contacted NCFD and requested their name be placed on our list of services.*
- *This list should not be considered a recommendation from the North County Fire Protection District, but rather a general list of possible backhoe/tractor operators and/or weed abatement providers in our area.*