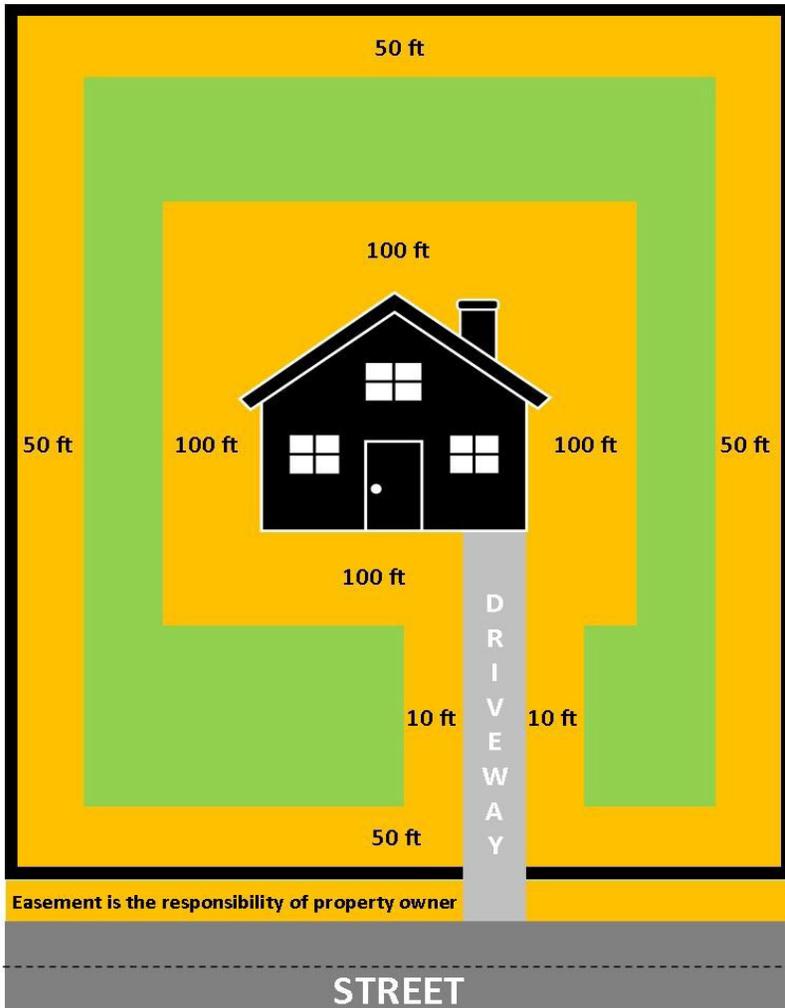




PASO ROBLES FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

WEED ABATEMENT CUTTING GUIDELINE



Clearance Guide

-  = area to be cut
-  = vegetation
-  = property line

Minimum Clearances

- Property Line = 50 feet
- Around Home = 100 feet
- Driveway = 10 feet on both sides
- Easement = Property line to street

- Clear lots by mowing or discing to a maximum height of 4 inches. This includes vegetation that may be green now, but dries later. Remove all cuttings.
- Clearance shall be a minimum of 50 feet in width at the perimeter of a parcel and from any roadway, a minimum of 100 feet around all structures, and 50 feet around oak trees.
- Clear dead leaves, weeds, brush, trees, and tree limbs.



Paso Robles Weed Abatement Requirements

Weed abatement operations can have devastating consequences if proper safety measures are not in place. The City of Paso Robles recognizes that in our climate there are more variables than just time of day when assessing the risks associated with abatement work. Homeowners are encouraged to follow the “One less Spark” guidelines and perform all abatement before 10am. If work must be completed after 10 A.M. then the following requirements must be followed. “One Less Spark” guidelines can be found at: https://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/Equipment-Safety-Infographic-Final_200x388.jpg

	LOW (GREEN)	After 10 A.M. MODERATE (BLUE)	HIGH (YELLOW)	VERY HIGH (ORANGE)	EXTREME (RED)
WEATHER SAMPLING	None	2 hours	1 hour	1 hour	EXTREME DANGER
PERMITTED ACTIVITY	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	RED FLAG WARNING
REQUIRED MITIGATION	<p>None for weed abatement performed before 10am.</p> <p>Follow “One Less Spark” guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 gallons of water readily available • Shovel or other scrapping tool • Communications <p></p> <p>Next level of mitigation is required if:</p> <p>Wind ≥ 15 mph</p> <p>or</p> <p>Relative Humidity Dropping $\leq 30\%$</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-gal Water pumper • Communications • Patrol <p></p> <p>Next level of mitigation required if:</p> <p>Wind > 10 mph</p> <p>or</p> <p>Relative Humidity $< 25\%$</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-gal Water pumper • Communications • Patrol • No metal blade trimming or mowing allowed. • Hand crew or string trimmer work only <p></p> <p>Next level of mitigation required if:</p> <p>Wind > 10 mph</p> <p>or</p> <p>Relative Humidity $< 20\%$</p>	<p>ALL OPERATIONS CEASE</p> <p>Unless Approved by Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services with</p>



Paso Robles Weed Abatement Requirements



EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Practice Using Equipment Safely

LEARN HOW TO USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO HELP KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE:

MOWING



MOW BEFORE 10 A.M., BUT NEVER WHEN IT'S WINDY OR EXCESSIVELY DRY.



LAWN MOWERS ARE DESIGNED TO MOW LAWNS, NOT WEEDS OR DRY GRASS.



METAL BLADES STRIKING ROCKS CAN CREATE SPARKS AND START FIRES.

SPARK ARRESTERS



IN WILDLAND AREAS, SPARK ARRESTERS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PORTABLE GASOLINE-POWERED EQUIPMENT. THIS INCLUDES TRACTORS, HARVESTERS, CHAINSAWS, WEEDEATERS AND MOWERS.

KEEP THE EXHAUST SYSTEM, SPARK ARRESTERS AND MOWER IN PROPER WORKING ORDER AND FREE OF CARBON BUILDUP.



USE THE RECOMMENDED GRADE OF FUEL AND DON'T TOP IT OFF.

EQUIPMENT USE



KEEP A SHOVEL AND A FIRE EXTINGUISHER READY TO USE.



IN WILDLAND AREAS, GRINDING AND WELDING OPERATIONS REQUIRE A PERMIT AND 10-FOOT OF CLEARANCE.



DON'T DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE ONTO DRY GRASS OR BRUSH. HOT EXHAUST PIPES AND MUFFLERS CAN START FIRES THAT YOU WON'T EVEN SEE—UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!



KEEP A CELL PHONE NEARBY AND CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF FIRE.

TERRAIN



TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, DO NOT CLEAR VEGETATION NEAR WATERWAYS TO BARE SOIL.



VEGETATION REMOVAL CAN CAUSE SOIL EROSION, ESPECIALLY ON STEEP SLOPES.



KEEP SOIL DISTURBANCE TO A MINIMUM.

ONE LESS SPARK ONE LESS WILDFIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A PRINT-READY CAMPFIRE PERMIT VISIT:

PREVENTWILDFIRECA.ORG

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