



# CITY OF GRASS VALLEY

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Community Development  
Department

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Fire Department

(530) 274-4380

## INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

### TO ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, AND PERSONS IN CONTROL OF ANY PRIVATE LAND WITHIN GRASS VALLEY CITY LIMITS

In advance of the 2022 fire season, the City of Grass Valley Fire Department is reminding property owners, occupants, and persons in control of any private land within the City to remove all weeds, flammable vegetation and other combustible materials that constitute a fire hazard beginning May 1, 2022. Flammable vegetation management must be maintained through October 31<sup>st</sup>, or the end of fire season as declared by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), whichever comes first.

1. What is Flammable Vegetation?
  - Includes, but is not limited to, dead pine needles or leaves, dry grasses of over four inches in height, tree limbs, bushes, trees less than six inches diameter at breast height (DBH), manzanita, dense berry thickets or other dry invasive or noxious plants, that constitute a fire hazard and endanger people or property.
2. What is an improved property?
  - Any property with a building or structure.
3. What is a building or structure?
  - Anything used for support or shelter of any use or occupancy.
4. What do I need to do?
  - **All Properties** - No portion of any tree shall be within ten feet of the outlet of a chimney, stovepipe and/or electrical power service drop. Any plant, tree, or shrub adjacent to or overhanging a building and/or structure shall be free of dead or dying wood. Trees shall be free of branches six feet up from the ground, if height of the tree does not allow the six feet of clearance, the chief of the fire department or an authorized representative will determine appropriate clearance.
  - **Less than an Acre**- The entire property shall be mowed/cleared so that "flammable vegetation" is no higher than four inches above mineral soil, the roof of every building and/or structure shall be free of flammable vegetation.
  - **Greater than One Acre** - A fifteen-foot clearance zone, measured from the property line, shall be provided if the property abuts an "improved property". A thirty-foot clearance zone, as measured from the edge of the sidewalk nearest to the property line or from the street line if there is no sidewalk, shall be provided when property abuts any public or private rights-of-way, or fire apparatus access road.

For more information, please visit the City of Grass Valley's website:

[https://www.cityofgrassvalley.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/attachments\\_veg.mgmt\\_.pdf?1648161475](https://www.cityofgrassvalley.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/attachments_veg.mgmt_.pdf?1648161475)  
or email us at [fireadmin@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:fireadmin@cityofgrassvalley.com)

We appreciate your diligence in keeping our community fire safe.

Sincerely,

**Mark Buttron**

Fire Chief | City of Grass Valley Fire Department