

# GUIDELINES FOR AVOIDING FIRES DURING WEED ABATEMENT

Property owners in the City of Rancho Cordova are required to maintain their lots year-round, even outside of the designated fire season, which occurs between May and November. This requirement creates fewer chances of fire within the city.

However, with weed abatement comes the inherent risk of fire. Many of the parcels that need abating are located near homes and businesses, which makes avoiding the risk of fire even more critical. Below are guidelines to help you avoid sparking fires while you comply with the city's weed abatement requirements.



## DO'S

- **Mowing:** Mowing shall be done when the dead growth exceeds 6 inches in height. Combustible material produced by mowing, including grass and weed clippings or anything with the potential to ignite, shall be removed from the property immediately after mowing.
- **Discing:** The discs shall be set at an angle sufficient to cut the sod loose and bury the growth of weeds. Discing shall include rototilling or cultivating.
- **Scraping:** The blade shall be set at an angle sufficient to cut the grass or weeds.

## DONT'S

- Don't let metal blades hit rocks. Metal blades can spark against hidden rocks, rapidly igniting a fire.
- Don't mow your property after 10 AM.
- Don't mow on dry, windy days. Pay attention to red flag warnings issued by Sac Metro Fire and the National Weather Service, which are issued on dry and windy days.
- Don't mow without an adequate water supply on hand. While conducting weed abatement, always have enough water with you to extinguish a fire.

Thank you for complying with the weed abatement requirements and following these guidelines to prevent fire hazards. Your partnership in this helps keep properties, residents and businesses safer.

Sincerely,  
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