

CITY OF ENCINITAS

STANDARDS FOR ABATEMENT

1. Trash, rubbish, debris and other combustible materials which create a fire hazard/public nuisance must be removed from the property and properly disposed of.
2. Properties of one (1) acres or less shall be cleared in their entirety of all “weeds” and shall maintain one hundred (100') feet of clearance from all structures of native vegetation and brush. Distance shall be measured in a horizontal plane. Please see item 5.b for native vegetation and brush clearance requirements.
3. Properties of more than one (1) acres shall have a minimum of one hundred (100') feet clearance of all “weeds”, native vegetation and brush from structures and fifty (50') feet around the perimeter and through the center of all “weeds”. Distance shall be measured in a horizontal plane. Please see item 5.b for native vegetation and brush clearance requirements.
4. Roadways and or driveways shall be cleared of all “weeds”, native vegetation and brush to at least the width of the roadway plus ten (10') feet on each side, and to a height of thirteen and one-half (13 1/2') feet above the road surface.
5. **CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS:**
 - a. Clearance of properties shall be accomplished by methods that *will not disturb native soil or root stock*. Grading shall not be used to clear the properties without a valid City grading permit.
 - b. Native chaparral may be thinned as approved by the City. Cuttings may be mulched and left on top of the soil to a maximum depth of six inches (6") or may be hauled to an approved landfill site.
 - c. Mature trees must be trimmed to six feet (6') above the ground or as approved by the City and must be cut back at least ten feet (10') from chimneys. All leaves, bark and other debris must be removed from the ground and roof.

NOTE: Land owners who have been noticed of the existence of a rare, threatened, of endangered plant on the property to be cleared must notify the Department of Fish and Game at least 10 days in advance of undertaking the vegetation clearance. If the landowner is aware of any state or federal listed species on the property, then the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game should be notified prior to abatement. If a state or federal candidate or species is killed, injured and captured, the landowner shall report this information to the Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, respectfully.