
ATTENTION

Merced County Property Owners

“Unincorporated Areas”

Now is the time to begin planning for the removal of weeds around your property, remember the earlier you start in the year the easier it is to mitigate them. As soon as the weather turns warm, weeds become an extreme Fire hazard not only for you but your neighbors as well.

Property owners are required to maintain a 30 foot disc or a 50 foot mowed fire break around all property lines and structures to prevent the spread of vegetation fires, Merced County Ordinance 9.25.

Remember in California weed abatement is almost a year round endeavor, a good rule of thumb would be to have this completed by the end of April. If you are an out of town property owner now is the time to schedule the work to be done and verify that it has been completed before the weeds turn brown. Depending on the rain fall, the fire break may require a second discing or mowing, maintaining its integrity throughout the summer.

Failure to abate the public nuisance, could be subject to fines and penalties up to \$500 per day until the hazard has been abated. See Merced County Code section 9.25 and its entirety.

If you have any questions call (209) 385-7344 Prevention Office.

Thank you

Merced County Fire Department

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