



**RESIDENTS AND/OR OWNERS RESIDING IN  
SANTA ROSA'S VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD  
SEVERITY ZONE**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:**

Under California law, the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection was directed to evaluate all properties within the State and identify areas at a greater risk for life loss and destruction of property due to fire. Statewide survey criterion was used to determine areas classified as a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." Fuel, slope, weather, amount of vegetation, density of homes, roofing materials and other fire related factors were considered. As a result of this evaluation, a large part of the North and East portions of Santa Rosa were designated as "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone" including the neighborhood in which you live.

The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department implemented a Vegetation Management Program as a result of these zone designations. In past years, the fire department has conducted various inspection programs, including resident self-inspections, to ensure that preventative measures to protect your family, home and property from the devastating effects of fire had been taken. With the continued growth of newly constructed residences and other structures, the Vegetation Management Program scope also continues to grow. This year the fire department is continuing to provide resident and occupant notification of state law requirements for vegetation management versus fire department inspection. Specific inspection of properties will only be conducted on a complaint basis. Please ensure that your property is compliant with the following state laws:

**RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS MUST:**

1. Ensure adequate address numbers are visible from the street. Address numbers shall be of sufficient height (4" to comply with the City standard) and shall contrast with the background. Preferably, the numbers would be located on the structure facing the road. (CFC 901.4.4)
2. Clear or prune flammable vegetation within 30' to 100' of structures to prevent a path for fires. Flammable vegetation is defined as dry grasses over 4" in height, dead tree limbs, or dead shrubs/vegetation. (Gov. Code, Section 51182(a)(1))

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3. Clear the roof of leaves and needles or any dead branches within 6' of the roof. (Gov. Code, Section 51182(a)(5))
4. Remove tree branches within 10' of chimney openings. (Gov. Code Section, 51182(a)(3))
5. Provide a ½" mesh screen or other approved spark arrester on stove pipes and chimneys of any heating appliances in which solid or liquid fuel is used. (UFC Appendix 2-1, Section 7/Gov. Code, Section 51182 (a)(6))

If you have any further question or concerns, please contact the Fire Prevention Division at (707) 543-3500, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, or visit the City of Santa Rosa Web Site at <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/fd>. Your cooperation and fire prevention efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark McCormick  
Interim Fire Marshal