



City of Lompoc
Fire Department- Community Risk Reduction
115 South G Street, Lompoc, CA. 93436
(805) 875-8063



NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS and REMOVE RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT

John & Jane Doe
911 Property Owner Drive
Lompoc, CA 93436

April 4, 2023

APN: 000-00-000
SITE ADDRESS: 1234 Main St.

Dear Property Owner

The City of Lompoc is currently conducting weed abatement inspections to identify properties that need to be mitigated. The annual weed abatement deadline for the City of Lompoc is May 3, 2023. Please consider this your official notice to clear all combustible weeds and/or debris from your property by the May 3, 2023 deadline. Thank you for your assistance in advance. As with all years, if you have mowed, you may need to re-mow through the end of the year. We appreciate your assistance with attending to this matter and for continuing to monitor the property even if you have mowed already.

The Fire Department requests that you check the property as described in the assessor's parcel number (APN) by your name. If there are combustibles that constitute a fire hazard, please have them removed by May 3, 2023. The following are guidelines to help you comply:

- **Clear empty lots by mowing (to 3-inches high or less), disking or scraping. This includes any vegetation that may be green now but dries later. Remove cuttings.**
- **Clear dead leaves, weeds, brush, trees and tree limbs. All hillsides included.**
- **Remove excess trash, wood or other combustibles from the property.**

Your parcel may have weeds, trash, and/or debris upon it, which require removal. You have until May 3, 2023 to cut and remove the weed growth, trash, and/or debris from your parcel without incurring fees or penalties relating to weed abatement. Parcels not cleared prior to May 3, 2023 will have an Order to Abate issued by City Council. Further, a Misdemeanor Citation may be issued to property owners who do not comply by the deadline after reasonable attempts have been made to work with them to clear their property.

Background:

The weeds and grass growth are considered light and flashy fuels, which are the first fuels to dry out and cause an increased risk of fire within our city. These light and flashy fuels are also the most vulnerable to ignition sources. Fire brands which are tiny pieces of brush or trees actively burning travel over a mile ahead of a fire and can ignite these islands of fuel within our city's limits. The threat to our city from wildfire has been demonstrated in past years. This trend is something we cannot eliminate, but we can take appropriate mitigating efforts now to maximize our resiliency to remain operable should a wildfire threaten our city this year. We have had a wet winter making the weed and brush growth very robust. As a result of all the measurable rain, please note you may have to mow or cut your weeds several times if regrowth occurs. Weed abatement is a proactive effort that is consistent with reducing our risk.

Comments/Concerns:

If you no longer own this property, if you have any questions, or believe you have received this notice in error, please call or email Fire Marshal Dena Paschke at the contacts below. Once you have had your property cleared, please call and leave a message notifying our office that the work has been completed. You may also email your results to d_paschke@ci.lompoc.ca.us and include a picture if at all possible. We appreciate your assistance with our community risk reduction and fire hazards that exist due to vegetation.

Sincerely,

Dena Paschke

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Thank you for helping us protect our town, we really appreciate the assistance!