



# FIRE SAFETY NOTICE

It's that time of year again to cut and do weed abatement on and around your property!

The seasonal rains came and will continue to cause productive weed growth. The rain we have received caused the grass and weeds to grow at an exceptional rate. With the warmer dry climate, the grass will dry out about 30 days earlier than usual. This will present us with an unusual fire danger for this year. Dry grass presents fine, flashy fuels that burn exceptionally hot and fast. This allows for easily ignited fuels and makes it more difficult to control fires when they start. Please mow and cut your weed as soon as possible this year. Remove any accumulation debris and weeds next to structures in and around your property where fire danger may exist.

- Remember to cut weeds before 10:00 AM, before the heat of the day when fuel moistures are higher to help limit the possibilities of ignition.
- All weed and dry grass should be cut less than 3" inches in height.
- Cut all weed and remove any debris within 100' feet of your structure.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Remove woodpiles, debris, and any combustible material away from structures.

San Miguel Fire Department will be conducting a drive-by inspection in the months of APRIL and MAY looking for fire hazards and properties that need weed abatement.

Further notices will be sent out to property owners where there are fire safety concerns.

All weed abatement must be done by JUNE 2, 2025;

Properties, not in compliance after June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, will be issued a weed abatement order. The fire district will have the weeds removed at the owner's expense.

It is the mission of the San Miguel Fire Department to keep you, your property and this community FIRE SAFE. Please, follow the San Miguel Fire Department weed abatement policy.

If you have any question or concerns, please contact the San Miguel Fire Department at:

(805) 467-3388    [www.sanmiguelcsd.org](http://www.sanmiguelcsd.org)

Thank You,

*Scott Young*

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Fire Chief



# PREVENT WILDFIRES & PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY

## Know Your Space and Keep Reasonable Boundaries:

### Zone 1 – Lean, Clean and Green Zone

(30 feet from buildings/structures to your property line.)

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
- Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks, balconies and stairs.

### Zone 2 – Reduce Fuel Zone

(From 30 feet to 100 feet out from buildings/structures to your property line.)

- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches.
- All exposed wood piles must have a minimum of 10 feet of clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.



### It's Important to do YOUR Part!

- Mow before 10AM
- Practice Safe Green Waste
- Keep the road, sidewalk, and alleyways clear around your home
- Make sure your Address is Visible in front of your home

# Weed Abatement