



COSUMNES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

All structures, including dwellings, barns, storage buildings, stored vehicles, etc., must be provided with a 30-foot firebreak. These 30 feet of defensible space can be provided by one of the following methods:

- Green belts, such as lawns or fire-resistive landscaping.
- Discing weeds (minimum of three passes).
- Mowing weeds and then raking away dry grass (try to get to bare dirt).

Vacant parcels with overgrown weeds present a significant threat to adjacent structures and must be abated. This can be accomplished by the following:

- Mowing weeds and then raking away the debris/grass.
- Discing weeds (minimum of three passes).

NOTE: Large parcels, exceeding 1.99 acres, generally are only required to provide a 30-foot firebreak around the perimeter. However, at the discretion of the Fire Chief, greater clearance may be required based on the recommendations of inspector(s).

Vacant parcels adjacent to residential subdivisions, that have wood-shake shingle roofs, must provide a 60-foot firebreak along the entire length of property abutting the subdivision.

Please be aware that the fire hazard shall remain abated throughout the dry season. Should the weeds/grass grow back beyond 6 inches in height, re-cut to below 2 inches.

The Cosumnes Community Service District, Ordinance No. 18, authorizes the Fire Chief, or their designee, to enforce the vegetation management guidelines.