



**RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
In cooperation with the  
**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**  
and  
**FIRE PROTECTION**

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**RAMONA FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

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**NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES**

**Residents & Property Owners**  
**Ramona, California**

All properties within the Ramona Fire Department jurisdiction are required by code to maintain defensible space around all structures and along property lines adjacent to structures. The vast majority of Ramona is designated as being in a Wildland-Urban Interface and State Responsibility Area as it pertains to fire defense. There are a number of state, county and local fire codes that apply to our community and neighborhoods:

The **Ramona Fire Ordinance 07-338 NUISANCES** Section 5.28.010 A. (excerpts): Weeds, grasses and other combustible items are declared a public nuisance. B. The Chief of the Fire Department or his authorized representative shall determine if it is necessary to protect adjacent improved property from fire exposure; an adequate fire-break may be required.

**County of San Diego Consolidated Fire Code** Section 35.39100.030, Appendix IIA (excerpts): Prohibited materials and conditions; the accumulation of combustible vegetation, dead, dying or diseased trees, green waste, rubbish... materials on private property is hereby found to create a condition that is a fire hazard and potentially injurious to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. To reduce the danger to life and property from destructive brush fires... **Maintain an effective fuel modification zone by removing, modifying, or thinning combustible and other flammable materials from areas within 100 feet of buildings or structures.** Removing prohibited materials shall only be done as described in the "Methods of Removal and Clearance Requirements" of the code.

**State of California Public Resources Code** (PRC) Section 4291 (a) (excerpts) Clearance around Structures requires 100' of clearance from combustible vegetation around structures in State Responsibility Area.

On behalf of the Ramona Fire Department, Fire Prevention Services, Inc. is contracted to conduct weed abatement inspections year round, respond to complaints and report violations directly to the Fire Marshal. **Failure to respond to inspection notices can lead to forced abatement, which can be costly to the property owner.**

It is incumbent upon every property owner to comply with the codes referenced above to maintain their property. Be proactive and avoid notices. In the event you receive a notice, please respond promptly and comply for the safety of the community.

For further assistance, please contact the Ramona Fire Prevention Bureau at 760-788-2244.

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