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Weed Abatement: A Year-Round Commitment to Safety

The Chino Valley Fire District requires property owners to clear weeds, rubbish, and other combustible vegetation from their property before May 15.

Chino Valley Fire District Inspectors will begin inspecting parcels in late March for fire dangers posed by overgrown weeds or other hazardous vegetation. Non-Compliant parcels will be notified by mail in April. If the weeds are removed before the May 15 reinspection date, no fee is assessed.

If there are weeds or other hazardous vegetation present after the May 15 reinspection date, property owners will be required to remove the hazard and will be assessed a \$300 Non-Compliance Penalty. If no action is taken to abate the problem, the Fire District will administer the removal of the hazard at the property owner's expense; the cost to clear the hazard and a \$328 administration fee will be billed to the property owner.

Below are some helpful tips for safely clearing vegetation.

- Use trimming, mowing, and power equipment before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Never use a lawn mower in dry vegetation. Use a weed trimmer to cut dry weeds and grass.
- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of a fire. Never put yourself in harms way to extinguish an advancing fire.
- Remove rocks in the area before you begin operating any equipment. A rock hidden in grass or weeds can start a fire when struck by a metal blade.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel for power equipment and don't top off.
- Keep your mower's engine free of an accumulation of oil, dust, and any flammable materials.

For more information about the weed abatement program, please visit our website at www.chinovalleyfire.org.

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