

San Francisco

- ▶ Not a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area.
 - ❖ The zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development.
- ▶ An incorporated urban city that does not fall under the standards of Chapter 7A of the 2013 California Building Code, which deals with high fire hazard severity zones.
- ▶ Fire protection responsibility falls under the local authorities.

Fire Hazard Severity Zones



- ▶ Per CAL FIRE, based on San Francisco's topography and vegetative fuels, the City falls under a moderate rating for fire hazard severity.
- ▶ San Francisco Fire Department's main concern is the maintenance of overgrown weeds, grass, vines and other vegetation.

SFFD Weed Abatement Program

2013 California Fire Code (SFFC) Section 304.1.2

- Weeds, grass, vines or other growth that is capable of being ignited and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises.

Title 19 Section 3.07(b)

- A safe firebreak of at least 30 feet shall be maintained around any building or occupancies.
- Any portion of a tree extending within 10 ft. of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe shall be removed.
- Any dead or dying portion of a tree located adjacent to or overhanging any building shall be cut and removed.
- All roofs shall be maintained free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.

SFFD Weed Abatement Program

- ▶ SFFD works in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and sends a joint letter to the property owners of problem properties two weeks prior to July 4th to inspect and abate any weed and grass hazards.
- ▶ The Fire Department's Bureau of Fire Prevention (BFP) conducts inspections in neighborhoods and areas where weed and grass problems have been reported.
- ▶ Reports of weed and grass problems are received through the following channels:
 - 311
 - Phone (415-558-3300)
 - Email (firesafety.sfgov.org)
 - Mail (698 Second Street, Room 109, San Francisco, CA 94107)
 - Walk-Ins (Headquarter, Fire Houses)

Private Property Complaint Inspection

- ▶ Onsite inspection to determine validity of complaint.
- ▶ Property owners are notified to abate the weed and grass hazards.
- ▶ A notice of violation (NOV) may be issued if a property owner fails to comply with the request to abate.
- ▶ If the property owner refuses to abate the hazard(s) or cannot be located, a referral request is sent to DPW for assistance.
 - If there is no compliance after a 10 day period, DPW may then clear the property of weeds and grass and bill the property owner for the cost of abatement.

Other Jurisdictions & Agencies

- ▶ **Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Overhead Wires**
 - Report to DPW and PG&E
- ▶ **Recreation & Park (Rec & Park)**
 - Report to Recreation and Park
- ▶ **MUNI Overhead Wires**
 - Report to DPW and MUNI
- ▶ **Housing Authority**
 - San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA)
- ▶ **Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)**
 - Federal Responsibility (Presidio)