

RHEN - WEED ABATEMENT POLICY

Introduction

Each year around April 1, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District send each parcel owner a “Notice to Abate” the accumulation of grass, weeds, dead trees and rubbish by June 1. The notice lists “minimum abatement standards” that require firebreaks and maintenance and other vegetation at height of no more than 3 inches.

In addition to these public requirements, Section 18 of our CC&Rs provides for continuing weed abatement on the private lots as follows:

“Ground areas shall be maintained in a neat and attractive manner with gasses, weeds, and vegetation removed as appropriate. ...Association may have grasses, weeds, and vegetation cut when and as often as necessary. ...The owner shall reimburse Association for the cost of such work”

Spraying of weeds or grasses during the winter season is highly discouraged because the practice encourages erosion of the hillsides, in addition to being unsightly.

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1. Annual weed abatement begins in May. The Fire Protection District may require a combination of discing, mowing, or spraying the entire lot unless it exceeds an acre. June 1 is the final date of compliance.
2. After the May cutting, the Association requires that all weeds over 4 inches should be kept trimmed, if they can be seen from the street. Cutting may need to be done periodically throughout the year. Some cutting during the winter may be required, if weeds go over the curb or onto the street.
3. Owners who do not keep their weeds in check will first be notified by a call from a designated Board member who will meet with the owner to review the weed problem. The conclusions from that meeting will be confirmed in a letter to the owner from Management. If the meeting does not result in a commitment by the owner to abate the weeds, the owner will be notified in writing by Management and given 10 days to cut the weeds within a reasonable period of time, or the Association will contact to have the weeds cut at the owner’s expense. Charges incurred by the Association will be billed to the owner with 30 days after the work is done.
4. If the owner is out-of-town or cannot carry out the cutting with 10 days, he or she should call Community Care Property Management (925) 455-6362. If the request is reasonable, an extension of up to 14 days will be granted.