



COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **Cosumnes Fire Department Vegetation Management Guidelines**

All structures, such as dwellings, barns, storage buildings, stored vehicles, wood fences, etc. must be provided with a 30-foot firebreak. This 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 down to two inches or less in height.

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 2 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 recommendation of the inspector.

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 hazard shall remain abated until significant rain/weather.  
Should the weeds/grass grow back beyond 6 inches in height, re-cut to below 2 inches.**