## **Weed Abatement Standards**

Fresno County Fire Protection District ORDINANCE 2 identifies areas of Fire Hazards as that area covered by weeds or growing on any property, street, alleys, sidewalks, or on any private property located within the Fire District.

A Fire Hazard constitutes a threat to real property (i.e., structures, barns, sheds, out buildings, fences), and not just capable of burning.

All property will be cleared of all dry grass, weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps, and other waste material, or any flammable material. This includes along property lines/boundaries and along roadways.

Areas where rodents may inhabit must be removed.

All Tumble weeds must be removed.

Vacant property must be completely disced or mowed to a height of less than four (4) inches.

Fenced pasture land with animals will be allowed a variance.

Areas larger than five (5) acres must have a thirty (30) foot clearance between the fence line and the property in question. The property will also be crisscrossed with thirty (30) foot clearance lanes leaving sections of no more than five (5) acres. This clearance is usually completed by discing.

The quality of abatement work will be judged by representatives of the Fresno County Fire Protection District.

If the property is deemed a Fire Hazard a notice of abatement will be mailed to the property owner. The property owner will have ten (10) days to abate the Fire Hazard. If the Fire Hazard has not been abated by the end of the ten (10) day notice, the Fire District will dispatch a Fire Prevention Officer and a citation will be issued.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your closest Fresno County Fire District Station or call the Weed Abatement Coordinator at (559)493-4323