

Cut it Short!

Cut Weeds & Grass by June 15th

Keep it Short!



Why Weed Abatement?

Grass fires and wildfires are ignited every year in Ashland whether by people or by lightning. Whether it's personal property or our watershed, we have a lot to lose when it comes to wildfires. By cutting grass and weeds, you reduce the ability for fire to spread as quickly, thus reducing the fire risk in our community.

Ashland Municipal Code (Section 9.04) requires landowners or occupants to cut grass and weeds by June 15th each year and maintain that height throughout fire season. This applies to all lots within the City limits. Compliance with the weed abatement ordinance will substantially improve the overall fire safety in our community, as well as enhance the appearance of the neighborhood where your property is located. Failure to abate and maintain weeds and grass by June 15th each year can result in fines up to \$362 each day the violation exists, plus any abatement and staff costs.

More information about weed abatement and a list of contractors is available at our website www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement or call Ashland Fire & Rescue at 541.482.2770.

Weed Abatement Success

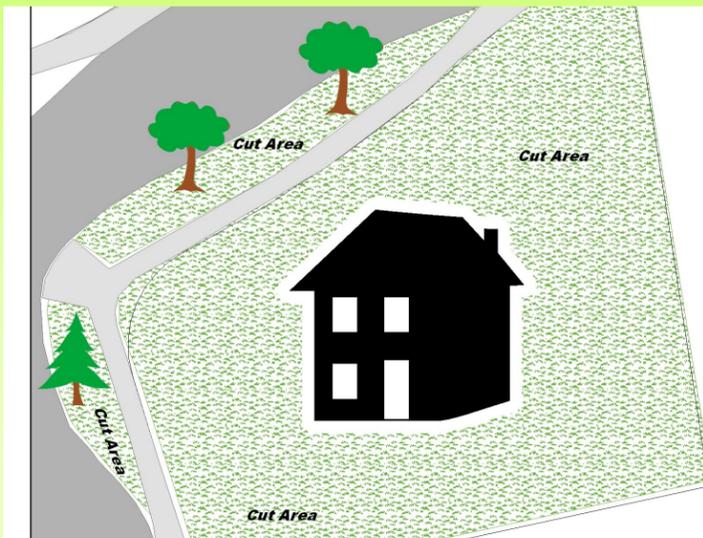
Short grass and weeds make a huge difference to firefighters and your neighborhood. This photo from last summer's Oak Knoll fire is from an empty lot where the grass and weeds had been cut short throughout the summer. When hot embers from just a few hundred feet away landed on the short vegetation, the grass and weeds ignited, but did not support the rapid spread of intense fire. In fact, this open lot provided a safe working space that firefighters used to help extinguish the fire.



If your property is 1 Acre or smaller:

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height

- On the entire property
- On abutting park rows and other right of ways



Unabated Weeds

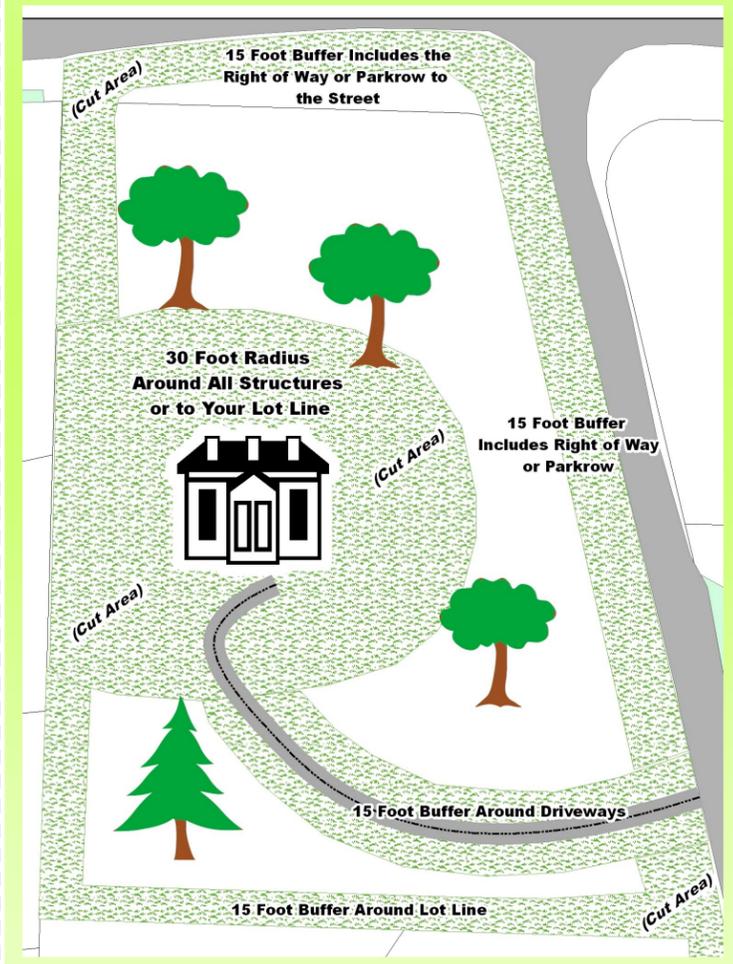
Tall, dead grass ignites easily and spreads wildfire quickly. By following weed abatement requirements, you will make a difference in how a wildfire could spread throughout Ashland. This photo from last summer's Oak Knoll fire shows how tall, dead grass produced big, fast-moving flames.



If your property is Greater Than 1 Acre:

Cut and maintain grass and weeds to no more than 4" in height...

- On abutting park rows and other right of ways
- Within 30 feet of every structure
- In a 15 foot wide buffer strip around your property
- In a 15 foot wide buffer next to access roads and driveways through properties



To file a weed abatement complaint **after June 15**, submit a written complaint form found at www.ashland.or.us/weedabatement. In order to better facilitate the use of staff time, complaints will only be accepted in writing using the form at this site.