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Weed Abatement: A Year-Round Commitment to Safety

The Chino Valley Fire District requires property owners to clear weeds, rubbish, and other combustible vegetation from their property before May 15.

If a hazard exists on or after May 15, property owners will be charged a \$300 non-compliance penalty. Properties that are not cleared by the reinspection date of June 14 will be cleared by a contractor hired by the Fire District. The cost to clear the hazard and a \$328 administration fee will be billed to the property owner.

Below are some helpful tips for safely clearing vegetation.

- Use trimming, mowing, and power equipment before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Never use a lawn mower in dry vegetation. Use a weed trimmer to cut dry weeds and grass.
- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 immediately in case of a fire. Never put yourself in harms way to extinguish an advancing fire.
- Remove rocks in the area before you begin operating any equipment. A rock hidden in grass or weeds can start a fire when struck by a metal blade.
- Use the recommended grade of fuel for power equipment and don't top off.
- Keep your mower's engine free of an accumulation of oil, dust, and any flammable materials.

For more information about the weed abatement program, please visit our website at www.chinovalleyfire.org.

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