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FIVE CITIES FIRE AUTHORITY - WEED ABATEMENT SEASON

The Five Cities Fire Authority has begun its Annual Weed Abatement Program for 2023. Initial weed abatement inspections, including alleyways, are being conducted in the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and the Oceano Community Services District. Those properties not in compliance will receive a "Notice to Abate Fire Hazard." Five Cities Fire Authority Fire Chief Steve Lieberman shared, "We acknowledge the heavy amount of rain we are still receiving. This moisture is already generating healthy growth of vegetation that will dry out and become a potential hazard as the sun returns and temperatures rise. Please help keep your property and neighborhood fire-safe." Property owners will have until **May 10th, 2023** to remove all fire hazards from their property. The Fire Authority will then re-inspect properties after the compliance deadline. All non-compliant properties will then be cleaned and cleared by a weed abatement contractor. If the Fire Authority is required to have the property cleared of the vegetation and fire hazards, the property owner will be charged for those costs.

If you have any questions regarding weed abatement, please call the Five Cities Fire Authority at (805) 473-5486.

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