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Vegetation Management Program www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement

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NOTICE OF DUTY TO REMOVE AND ABATE WASTE, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL BY JUNE 1, 2020.

Dear El Dorado County Property Owner,

Your property is included on the Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection list for 2020.

This notice is being sent as a courtesy reminder of your responsibilities as a property owner for fire hazard reduction and creation of defensible space. The El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection criteria and deadlines are included in this letter. Please read this notice carefully.

Please check our website for postings of community meetings regarding this notice: https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION and DEFENSIBLE SPACE DEADLINE - JUNE 1

In accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09, improved parcels and designated unimproved parcels located in unincorporated El Dorado County are required to perform fire hazard reduction and defensible space clearance of at least 100 feet from all habitable structures by June 1 of every year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Once El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program staff begins conducting defensible space inspections, failure to meet the Vegetation Management Program requirements may result in citations, fines and/or forced abatement for noncompliance.

HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

- <u>"Sample" Inspection Form (Cal Fire's Notice of Defensible Space Inspection)</u> –
 Included with this letter is a sample inspection form which lists the criteria that will be assessed on properties during defensible space inspections.
- Wildfire is Coming. Are you Ready? Flyer Defensible space requirements and home hardening information for property owners.
- ReadyforWildfire.org Online resources to prepare for wildfire.
- Start Neighbor to Neighbor If there is a concerning property in your neighborhood, start by talking to the property owner or collaborating with existing efforts through Fire Safe Councils. They may already be working with the property owner to resolve the issue. Inviting a neighbor to learn more about fire hazard reduction and defensible space often yields the best results.
- <u>El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils</u> Learn about fire safe activities occurring in your community http://www.edcfiresafe.org.
- <u>El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD)</u> Complete a burn permit application by calling 530-621-7501 or online at: https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit.

For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website at www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement or call 530-621-4663.

Sincerely,

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