



CLOVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard #43

WEED & RUBBISH ABATEMENT STANDARDS

For the purpose of fire safety and to maintain a clean environment, the City of Clovis has a weed abatement program for which the Clovis Fire Department is responsible for enforcement. The following standards apply to **all** properties in the City of Clovis.

1. All property must be maintained free of weeds, rubbish, trash, litter, tires, tree stumps and other waste materials. This includes that part of property along adjacent sidewalks, streets, alleys and backyards and within the sitelines of the property thereof extended.
2. Weeds, dead growth, rubbish, trash, trimmings, litter or other waste materials that may provide a refuge for rodents or insects must be removed. Dead bushes, shrubs, and trees are defined as leaves that crumble in hand or branches that snap when bent.
3. All rubble, junk, concrete, piles of dirt, etc. that could obstruct or impede vehicles and equipment used for abatement work or fire suppression must be removed.
4. Conditions of a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, pond or other artificially-confined body of water must be maintained in a manner which will not adversely affect the health or safety of the public nor provide a breeding place for mosquitoes.
5. Tumbleweeds must be hauled away.
6. Vacant property must be completely disked or mowed and maintained at a height of less than 4 inches of growth.
7. Fenced pasture property with grazing animals may be allowed a variance from these standards. Owners must contact the Clovis Fire Department, at (559) 324-2273 to request an inspection for their individual parcel to receive a written variance.

The quality of work will be judged by inspection by the Clovis Fire Department (559) 324-2273.

CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE

Sec. 4-4.202 Weeds, rubbish, and other dangerous material prohibited: Nuisances declared

No person, whether such person is the owner, agent or person in control of any lot or parcel of land within the City, shall maintain, permit or allow such premises, or adjoining sidewalk area and abutting half of street and/or alley, to be maintained in any of the following conditions, which are prohibited and is hereby declared to be a nuisance:

- a) Weeds, rubbish, refuse, dirt, debris, or any other matter or material which may provide a breeding place or refuge for rodents, insects, or other vermin;
- b) Dead vegetative growth overhanging a structure or any tree branch or other vegetative growth which extends within ten feet (10') of the outlet of a chimney;
- c) Weeds which may produce pollen which is injurious to the health, safety, comfort, or welfare of the residents of the City and weeds which are otherwise subject to abatement by law; and
- d) Other vegetation or materials which, because of lack of maintenance, create conditions which may become a fire or health hazard or preclude abatement of the property or affect the aesthetics thereof; or
- e) Conditions of a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, pond or other artificially-confined body of water which may affect the health or safety of the public or provide a breeding place for mosquitoes. Pool fencing and gates must follow the Clovis Municipal Code section 8.10.10.

It is the duty of the property owner to destroy or remove all such prohibited materials