



The City of Medford's weeds and grass ordinance takes effect June 1st and any property with uncontrolled/unmaintained grass, weeds or brush over 10 inches tall is considered a fire hazard and must be abated. Exceptions to this include:

- Ornamental shrubs, bushes, or other like vegetation maintained and kept in a landscaped yard or place.
- Any crop grown and maintained for agricultural purposes, or grass or other like vegetation grown and maintained for pasturage upon property fenced, zoned, and otherwise lawfully used for said purpose.

- Any "natural area" within a public park in the City of Medford

The City of Medford websites provides the following guidelines for abatement:

- **Properties Less than One Acre in Size:** Weeds and grass on the entire property shall be disked, cut or removed.
- **Properties More than One Acre in Size:** Firebreaks may be considered acceptable as an alternative to clearing the entire parcel. Minimum 30' wide firebreaks shall be provided around the perimeter of the property and the area shall be divided into maximum 2.5 acre parcels with minimum 30' wide cross-breaks. In addition, minimum 100' firebreaks are required adjacent to improved properties (Road width may be considered part of the 100' firebreak).
- **Unmaintained Agricultural Properties:** Minimum 30' wide firebreaks shall be maintained along the perimeter from the edge of road. In addition, minimum 100' wide firebreaks adjacent to improved properties (Road width may be considered part of the 100' firebreak).
- **Improved Subdivisions (streets in but structures not yet built):** Each lot is required by ordinance to be cut.
- **Structures in Hillside Areas:** Minimum 100' firebreaks (defensible space) shall be provided around the perimeter of the structure.

If you have questions or concerns about your rental property and potential fire hazards please don't hesitate to contact your property manager to discuss abatement.