



BREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 1, 2024

Dear Brea Resident,

The Brea Fire Department's top priority is keeping our community safe and a great emphasis goes into fire prevention. That is the focus of our annual Brush Clearance Program, where Fire Prevention staff inspect properties to ensure proper maintenance. The City of Brea has witnessed just how devastating wildfires can be. The hot and dry climate in our region naturally creates an environment conducive to supporting large wildland fires. In addition, the growth of weeds and vegetation has increased significantly due to the increased amount of rainfall. You are receiving this notice because your home is in close proximity to hillsides where there is high potential for wildland fire.

This annual Brush Clearance Program serves as a reminder of the local hazard abatement requirements the City has in place to protect your property and the Brea community. The City has declared that weeds, rubbish, refuse, or other combustible materials growing upon or in front of properties, constitute a public nuisance because they spur wildfires. Included with this letter is a handout with tips and reminders on how to prepare your home and property to prevent wildfires. Please take the time to survey your property and identify any hazards that may be present. Property owners are required to remove and/or eliminate all fire hazards on their property by June 1, 2024, and maintain their property free from fire hazards.

Brea Fire Prevention staff will begin inspecting properties on June 1, 2024 and continue making inspections throughout the year. The back of this letter outlines fees that may be incurred, if a property is non-compliant with the Brush Clearance Program. Please make the necessary improvements to your property now, and do your part to keep your home and our community safe.

For questions regarding any aspect of the Brush Clearance Program, please contact the Brea Fire Department at (714) 990-7787.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief Mark Terrill

2024 Wildfire Safety Notice

The City of Brea is within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and fire prevention through brush clearance is critical for the health and safety of our community. All properties must be cleared of all weeds, rubbish, refuse, debris and other combustible materials by June 1, 2024, and must remain cleared throughout the year.

As part of the annual Brush Clearance Program, the **Brea Fire Department will begin inspecting properties on June 1** and continue to make inspections multiple times throughout the year. If your property is found to be non-compliant, the City will notify you and assess inspection fees and/or abate the property, as deemed necessary. Should this occur, all costs, including inspection fees and administrative costs, will be the property owner's responsibility.

2024 Non-Compliant Inspection & Abatement Fees (Properties compliant with the Brush Clearance Program will not incur fees.)

Costs include, but are not limited to:
First - Third Inspection Fee: \$0
Third and Non-Compliant Inspection Fee: \$100
Fourth and Non-Compliant Inspection Fee: \$200
Fifth and Non-Compliant Inspection Fee: \$300

