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Dear San Diego County Property Owner,

Wildfire season is rapidly approaching again in San Diego County! **Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility, and providing adequate Defensible Space is critical so that firefighters can operate safely while protecting lives and property in the community and region.** The San Diego County Fire Authority and CAL FIRE are reminding property owners of local Defensible Space requirements. Please take a moment to review the enclosed material and refer to the schedule below to plan when to treat your property.

Vegetation Type/Condition	Approximate Treatment Time
Green annual weeds or grass	When the annual weeds and grass begin to dry, usually beginning about April 1 to May 15.
Dry annual weeds or grass over 6 inches in height	Immediately
Native brush	As soon as possible. Best if done in the fall to early spring to avoid nesting birds.
Dead or neglected ornamental plants/landscaping	As soon as possible

In order to allow neighboring property owners to meet their own Defensible Space requirements, all vacant and occupied parcel(s) adjacent to occupied parcels will be required to treat those areas of their parcel that are within 100 feet of a neighboring structure. If a fire originates from your property and spreads to surrounding vegetation you may be held legally liable for damage to neighboring properties.

THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ABATE HAZARDS. This is a courtesy letter to inform and educate property owners within San Diego County of the requirements for vegetation management. In the next few months, fire personnel may be inspecting properties to ensure that appropriate defensible space is in place.