



County of San Diego Fire Safety & Fuels Reduction Program



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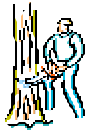
- **U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**—to remove dead, dying and diseased trees located within 200 feet of an evacuation corridor.
- **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**—to remove dead dying and diseased trees located within 200 feet of a structure or a roadway.

Pre-Tree Removal

- Residents join the program by signing and returning a Right of Entry (ROE) form.
- Registered Professional Forester (RPF) identifies and marks dead, dying and diseased trees for removal.
- Photographs of many structures (i.e. houses, garages) located near marked trees are taken to document the condition of the structure during the tree removal process.
- Representatives of the County of San Diego and Natural Resources Conservation Service may visit properties to assess environmental resources before the tree removal process begins.

Tree Removal Schedule

- County Representatives will monitor the tree removal contractors on a daily basis to insure compliance with the tree removal and California Forest Practice Rules. The representatives are also there for safety of the residents, structures and environmental quality within the tree removal project area.
- The contractor has 90 working days to remove marked trees including limbs and tree slash materials created during tree removal operations. On individual properties, contractors will follow the general practice of removing trees within 48 hours of felling. Weather conditions may affect this time limit.
- Weather conditions determine and restrict where tree removal operations will take place. Weather and ground conditions will result in changes to the tree removal schedule and may result in stopping operations in some areas, operations will continue as soon as there are suitable conditions.



Tree Removal Process

- The contractors are Tree Removal Professionals
- Standard tree removal operating equipment will be used (chain saws, tree climbers and free tree falling, etc.) unless specified otherwise to protect structures as well as the environment. If a tree requires special treatment the contractor will schedule the proper equipment (i.e. crane, etc.) to remove the tree without affecting surrounding areas.
- Chipped material may be spread on surfaces not previously covered to a depth of no greater than 2 inches. Material not chipped on site will be hauled away for beneficial use. No materials are allowed in landfills.
- Tree stumps will be cut to a height of no greater than eight inches (measures on the uphill side). Sporax (a white powder fungicide) may be used to treat the fresh conifer tree stumps within four hours of cutting.

Fire wood availability



- No wood can be left on site.
- Cut rounds will be available in the following locations for the community:
 - Palomar Fire Station
 - Across from Palomar Lodge
 - Jess Martin Park, Julian
 - Please visit the firewood page of our website for the status of new locations.

Safety



- Residents are asked not to remove or damage any of the tree removal operations structures (flagging on or near trees, safety cones and signs)
- Sporax has an excellent record for safety as applied to fresh cut conifer tree stumps, and is safe to the environment. Please avoid contact with treated stumps for 24 hours.

Onsite monitors are available to provide answers for immediate questions regarding current operations. Please direct all other questions to the County hotline number below.

County Hot Line Number 1-866-402-6044
For more information log on to
www.sdcdpw.org/tree