

Weed Abatement - Noxious Vegetation

City of Shady Cove Ordinance No. 251—Section 2

Effective: May 15 through September 30

What is Noxious Vegetation?

- Weeds or grass more than 10 inches high.
- Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
- Poison oak or ivy.
- Vegetation that is a health hazard because it is near other combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of the public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous for pedestrians and/or vehicles.

Fire Season—Restrictions

When fire danger is "High" or "Extreme", the Department of Forestry sets restriction levels that escalate according to the heat and dryness. Therefore, later in the summer, as fire danger worsens, using motorized equipment in combustible vegetation is allowed only until 1:00 PM or after 8:00 PM, then until 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM, then not at all.

To keep up on the current restrictions please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry at (541) 664-3328 or visit <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/MED/aboutus.shtml>

Removal—Responsibility

The owner, agent of owner and/or occupant of any lot or parcel of land within the limits of the City of Shady Cove shall cut and remove the weeds, grass, bushes and shrubbery growing thereon, or on adjacent and abutting streets between May 15th to September 30th of each year and where the same grows a second growth. If you are in the Floodplain ~ mowing and trimming is acceptable; however, complete removal of any vegetation will require a permit. For more information, please call City Hall.

Notice to Abate

It is expected that the property owner/occupant will comply voluntarily; however, should the owner/occupant fail or neglect to cut weeds, grass, or shrubbery as herein provided, the City shall serve a Weed Abatement Notice requiring that the property be abated within 14 days of notice.

Failure to comply to the Weed Abatement Notice may result in the following action:

- \$500 fine for each day of violation.
- Lien against said property for cost of abatement.

Need Help with Removal?

A list of Landscape Maintenance and Contractors may be obtained by contacting Shady Cove City Hall at (541) 878-2225 or by visiting our website at www.shadycove.net



WEEDS DECLARED NUISANCE

The growth of grass, weeds, shrubbery, and vegetation upon vacant and other lots and parcels of land, and the streets and alleys abutting thereon, in the City, during the summer season (May 15 through September 30) constitutes a fire menace, and greatly increases the fire hazard in the City, and is declared to be a nuisance.



For an updated list of Yard Maintenance and Landscape Contractors that have a business license to work in Shady Cove, please refer to the City of Shady Cove's website www.shadycove.net.