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Brush Clearance Enforcement Underway in Malibu

(Malibu CA) – On June 1, 2019, local Los Angeles County Fire engine companies began conducting annual Brush Clearance inspections in Malibu and other coastal communities. Property owners not currently in compliance with brush clearance requirements are strongly urged to come into compliance as soon as possible, both to avoid fines and for the safety of their Malibu neighbors.

In the wake of the Woolsey Fire, the rigorous brush clearance enforcement is more important than ever. These measures create the “defensible space” that is crucial for effective fire protection of life, property, and the environment. Brush Clearance is an annual obligation for all property owners in high-risk wildfire zones. The City’s Fire Safety Liaison is available to assist with any questions or concerns community members have regarding the Brush Clearance process.

The Brush Clearance Program is a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures, Weed Hazard and Pest Abatement Bureau. This unified enforcement legally declares both improved and unimproved properties a public nuisance, and where necessary, requires the clearance of hazardous vegetation. Non-compliant properties may be subject to a County administrative fine of \$500 and/or a non-compliance fee of \$648, to be assessed on the property tax bill.

For more information, visit <https://malibucity.org/238/Fire-Services>, or call Fire Safety Liaison Jerry Vandermeulen at 310-456-2489 ext. 387, or email JVandermeulen@malibucity.org.

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