



## Non-WUI Vegetation Management Factsheet

**When to apply:** When conducting code enforcement on any property within the jurisdiction that is not located within a locally recognized WUI area. Two codes are applied when conducting code enforcement, 2016 CFC and PRC 4291. 2016 CFC requires that all weeds, grasses, vines or other growth is required to be removed when endangering a structure. PRC 4291 provided a clear measurement of the phrase “endangering property”.

PRC 4291 requirement for maintenance of 100-feet around structures does not cross property lines.

- Non-modified vegetation including weeds, grasses, vines and other growth that threatens a structure on the property is deemed a fire hazard and is to be removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. (2016 CFC §304.1.2)
- To threaten a structure, the vegetation in question must be within 100-feet of a structure within the property line. (T-19 §3.07(b) / PRC 4291)
- Weeds, grasses, vines and other growth that is deemed a fire hazard and exceeds 18-inches in height is required to be reduced to 4-inches in height. (EXCEPTION: healthy, and green vegetation is only to be reduced during fire season or upon evaluation of FD Personnel) (PRC 4291)
- Weeds, grasses, vines and other growth that is deemed a fire hazard that is located over 30-feet from a structure on the property and is less than 18-inches in height may be maintained to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. (PRC 4291)
- Any portion of a tree that extends within 10-feet of any chimney or stove-pipe is to be removed. (PRC 4291)
- Dead trees are to be considered “combustible material”.
- Combustible material is not to be stored or kept within 10-feet of any building or structure. (T-19 §3.07(b))
- Combustible material is not to be stored or kept within 10-feet of a property line. (2016 CFC §315.4)

**\*All vegetation concerns that do not meet the required criteria above will be referred to the local Code Enforcement Division.**