



Clearing Brush

Question: A crew did maintenance on the lot between my house and the street below, but they did not clear all the way to my fence. Who do I contact to get the rest of the tall grasses taken down?

Answer: The Scripps Ranch Maintenance Assessment District (MAD), working under the auspices of the SR Planning Group, has a contract funded by the assessment we all pay as part of our property taxes. One purpose of this fund is to remove dangerous vegetation from city open space. Trees that are a threat to fall, or have fallen, on homes, yards, and streets are its main concern.

This year, due to the heavy rains, the MAD crew is cutting the heavy concentrations of weeds and grasses within 10 to 12 feet of main and secondary thoroughfares. Unless it is cut, this vegetation will dry out and become dangerous fire fuel. Weed abatement on Pomerado Road is a good example of this work.

The MAD funds are limited and were never intended to treat the firebreak areas behind or alongside homes. The reality is that if a homeowner feels they need firebreak maintenance annually to protect their home, they need to do it themselves on the years the city cannot. If the firebreak area is on city property, you can get a Right of Entry permit to do the work by calling 619-533-6726.

You can reach the Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council (SRFSC) at **858-945-6303 or info@SRFireSafeCouncil.org**