



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Moraga-Orinda Fire District**

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**Weed Abatement deadline is June 15**

**Moraga** – The annual deadline for property owners to complete the required weed abatement is June 15, 2013.

In April, a Firewise postcard containing a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) safety checklist and a reminder of the June 15, 2013 weed abatement deadline was mailed to each property owner.

On May 10, 2013, a notice was mailed to all property owners who live in the **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)**, which is defined by geography, vegetative fuel type and weather conditions. The Exterior Hazard Control Standards and Firewise Safety Checklist were included with the notice.

**After the June 15 deadline, you may file a complaint by calling 925-258-4525, ext. 524.**

This year, homeowners can learn how to share the responsibility for wildfire safety through a new program called Firewise. The District is providing homeowners with the option of conducting a voluntary home assessment conducted by Fire District Prevention Staff. The assessment is an educational tool for the homeowner to learn how to “harden” their home against wildfire. Property owners may schedule a voluntary home ignition assessment by calling 925-258-4525, ext. 524.

Fire Chief Randy Bradley has stated that he is very concerned about wildfires this year due to the lack of rainfall, along with higher than normal temperatures and an abundance of dry vegetation. He is encouraging all citizens in the District to share the responsibility for making their homes safer from wildfires.

To schedule a home assessment or to get more information, please contact the Fire Prevention Office or visit our website at [www.MOFD.org](http://www.MOFD.org).