



# MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT

## *FIRE PREVENTION*

# *INFORMATION SHEET*

### **Guidelines for Mowing Weeds, Small Brush, and Dried Annual Grasses**

Safely mowing vegetation can only be done during specified times and under certain conditions. Failure to use ordinary care may result in an ignition.

### **The following guidelines are recommended for Homeowners:**

- As soon as practical once annual grasses have died and turned brown (typically May or early June).
- Mow before 10:00 a.m.
- Wind speed < 5 MPH
- Never during both Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings

### **For Commercial Mowing Operations:**

- As soon as practical once annual grasses have died and turned brown (typically May or early June).
- Before 10:00 a.m. Mowing operations may commence if relative humidity > 40% and wind speed < 15 MPH.
- After 10:00 a.m. Mowing operations may commence if relative humidity > 60% and wind speed < 5 MPH.
- All mowing is prohibited during both Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings. Operators should observe and record the weather hourly with the time, temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed recorded in a log to be kept with the operator.
- Commercial mowers should be equipped with a portable water extinguisher and/or a dry chemical extinguisher.

Current weather conditions can be found on the East Bay Regional Parks RAWs sites at:

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?ONO>

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?OSO>

and on the NWS site at:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Orinda+Village&state=CA&site=MT&textField1=37.8875&textField2=-122.194>