

Self-inspection fire-prevention checklist

Before La Habra Heights Fire Department inspectors arrive to examine your property, there's plenty you can do to ensure that you're in compliance with the city's fire-prevention requirements. Inspections begin on May 1, and every parcel in the Heights, whether improved or vacant, will be thoroughly inspected—*no exceptions!* Use the checklist below to make sure that your property passes inspection the *first* time, because additional inspections can involve fees.

- Entire property is free of combustible materials and fire hazards. (Freedom from fire hazards must be maintained year-round, and LHHFD inspections will be ongoing throughout the year.)
- Cut all grass and weeds down to three inches or less on 100% of your property.
- On trees 18 feet high and higher, trim lower branches to clear six feet from the ground.
- Remove all dead and dying trees, dead branches and bushes.
- Trim tree branches 10 feet away from chimneys.
- Remove dead leaves and pine needles from rooftops and gutters.
- Clear a minimum of 3 feet from the edge of roads that abut your property.
- Trim overhanging tree branches from all roadways up to a minimum of 13 feet, 6 inches above the road surface to allow access for emergency vehicles.
- Properly dispose of all bagged and cut materials or chip and spread all materials to no higher than 3 inches in height.
- Address markers must be clearly visible on fronts of all buildings and on the street in front of the property at all hours of day and night. Address markers must be a minimum of 4 inches high with at least half-inch-high reflective numbers that contrast with the background.
- Where applicable, maintain a 3-foot clearance of all vegetation and dirt around fire hydrants adjacent to property lines.



When you're trimming around roadways, be sure to provide enough room for firetrucks and other emergency vehicles. Cut any overhanging branches to allow a minimum of 13 feet, 6 inches above the road surface, and also clear vegetation at least 3 feet from the edge of the road. Maintain this clearance all year long to ensure quick vehicle access in an emergency.

Avoid substantial fees!



If you fail to bring your property into compliance, the city can hire a contractor to conduct an abatement—in which case actual abatement costs, an administrative fee of \$1,275, a lien fee of \$1,695 and a lien-release fee of \$1,695 can all be assessed on your property.

