

Bradbury News

Welcome to Bradbury



Brush Clearance Tips from LA County Fire Department



May 2013

Brush clearance should be done in the spring. If it begins too late in the year the live and dead vegetation have both dried out, increasing the risk of starting a fire. If you start too early on the annual weeds, they will grow again and need repeated treatments. However, as we have learned from the Madison Fire, wildfires can begin at any time of year. Defensible space is as critical as ever, but care must be taken in creating it.

Home Landscaping and Yard

- Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 ft. of any structures.
- Increase to 50 ft. in high hazard areas. (see diagram on page 2 for better explanation of distances)
- Single trees, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers may be permitted provided they do not readily transmit fire from the native vegetation to the structure
- Landscape with plants that are drought tolerant and fire resistant. Maintain plants!
- Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 ft. apart or three times their diameter from other shrubs

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REMINDER

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City Council Reorganization

The Bradbury City Council reorganized at its meeting of Tuesday, April 16, 2013

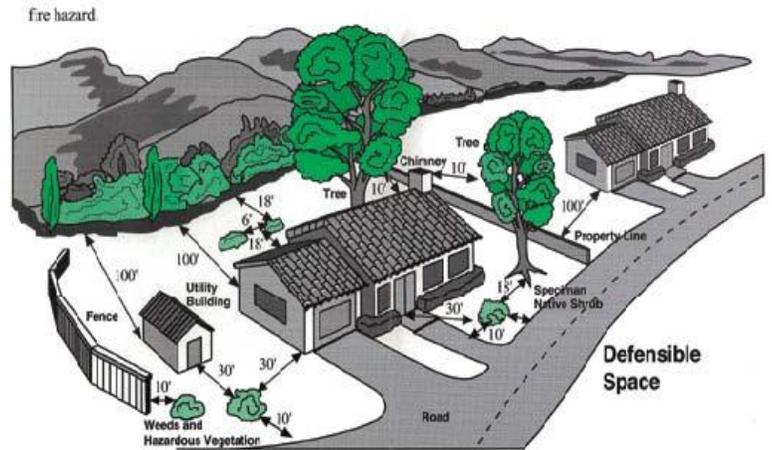
Richard Pycz, Mayor

Richard Barakat, Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmembers Hale, Lathrop & Lewis

Brush Clearance (continued)

- Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 ft. between canopies at maturity
- Trees taller than 18 ft., prune lower branches within 6 ft. of the ground
- For trees and shrubs of less than 18 ft. prune lower branches to one-third of their height
- Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves
- Remove all stacks of combustible materials
- Stack wood at least 30 ft. from structures. Remove flammable vegetation within 10 ft. of woodpiles



NOTE: small lots may make these clearance distances impossible. You are only responsible to clear up to your property line. Clearance of property adjacent to your lot is the responsibility of the property owner.

Make sure to maintain that defensible space to help the firefighters save your home in the event of a wildfire --- but do it safely. Follow the guidelines. For further information contact visit our web site www.fire.lacounty.gov.

Green Waste Containers at Discounted Rates Help You With Mandated Brush Clearance

Burrtec offers green waste collection containers at a 15% discount during the month of May to assist Bradbury residents with their brush clearance/green waste clean-up projects. These clean-up projects prove invaluable to protect property in case of fires and to help residents comply with brush clearance regulations. Containers can be ordered in two commonly used sizes: a 3-yard bin or a 40 yard roll-off. Containers must be filled only with green waste materials in order to properly dispose and divert the green waste and to qualify for the discount. The discount is limited to one per property per year.





*Phil Wood Named Bradbury's
2013 Older American of the Year*

The City of Bradbury and the Bradbury City Council are happy to announce that Phillip ("Phil") Wood was selected at April's City Council meeting as the Older American of the Year for Bradbury. Phil is a longtime resident of Bradbury and an active member of the Bradbury Emergency Response Committee.

Phill Wood was appointed as the District Four Representative to the City's Emergency Response Committee in December 2008 and has been serving on the Committee ever since. Phil's tireless energy, beautiful sprit and genuine commitment to the community inspire us all to volunteer our time for the benefit of our neighbors and to better appreciate those who selflessly spend their time helping distinguish Bradbury from other Cities.

The Bradbury City Council commends Phil Wood for his outstanding contributions to the community and his designation as Brad-



SCE New Mobile Power Outage App



Your fully charged smartphone is always a "go-to" communication option, especially in an urgent situation when safety is key. Southern

California Edison realizes that power outages are an unfortunate inconvenience so they have made it easier for you to report and check on the state of power outages using your web-enabled mobile phone. The new app is available for download and installation on both the iTunes App Store and Google Play. You can also report an outage from your mobile phone at m.sce.com/outage. For more information, contact SCE at 800-611-1911



Earth Day 2013



On Saturday, April 20th, Duarte and Bradbury partnered for Earth Day 2013. With Bradbury's donation of restricted Beverage Recycling Grant Funds, Duarte organized local teens from both cities to clean up trails and install plants. In Bradbury, teens combed through trails and picked up trash. 15- 1 gallon Gazanias and 15- 1 gallon daylilies were planted in the Gardi Park. Mulch was also installed in the Gardi Park. During Earth Day 2013, Mayor Rick Pycz spoke at the event, along with Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte Mayor.



Important Phone Numbers

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| Emergency | 911 | LA County Sheriff | 285-7171 | Fire Station 44 | 358-3118 |
| Animal Control | 962-3577 | Southern CA Edison | 800-655-4555 | So Cal Gas | 800-551-8463 |
| Burrtec | 800-325-9417 | Mosquito & Vector Control | 814-9466 | Time Warner Cable | 888-twcable |
| Dept. Fish & Game | 909-484-0167 | | | | |



Preserving Rural Tranquility

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Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Building Department Hours

M, W, T 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Dates to Remember for May

- May 3 - City Hall Closed for Furlough day
- May 13 - General Plan Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
- May 21 - 7:00 PM City Council Meeting
- May 22 - 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission

Chairperson Darlene Kuba, District 3

Vice-Chair Susan Esparza, District 4

Karen Dunst, District 5

Bill Novodor, District 2

Frank Hernandez, District 1

City Treasurer

Laurie Stiver

Staff

Michelle Keith, City Manager

Claudia Saldana, City Clerk

Kevin Kearney, Management Analyst

Cary Reisman, City Attorney

David Meyer, City Planner

Dominic Milano, City Engineer

Stephen Fagan, Building Inspector

City Council Meeting Highlights & Items to Come

Please call City Hall at 358-3218 if you have any questions. *The following agenda items are tentative and subject to change until posted at the City Hall entrance gate on the Friday before the meeting.*

The City Council took the following actions on April 16:

- Reorganization of the Bradbury City Council
- Appointed Planning Commissioners to Districts 1, 3 & 5 (Frank Hernandez, Darlene Kuba, & Karen Dunst)
- Read for the first time Ordinance No. 325 Historic Preservation - establishing Mills Act
- SCE's presented its Corporate Emergency Response Plan for local governments
- Approved Project Management Services to RKA Engineering and the purchase of Catch Basin Inserts to comply with LA MS4 permit
- Closed Session – City Manager Evaluation

Tentative City Council Items for Tuesday,

May 21 at 7:00 PM

- City Council Budget Study Session at 5:00 pm
- HERO Program Financing for Homeowners
- 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 325 establishing Mills Act—Historic Preservation
- MOA for the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River EWMP
- TLSP Agreement with METRO
- Review of AB 1357 to support
- City Planner Agreement
- Resolutions to certify election results

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