

BRUSH CLEARING FIRE SAFETY

A large percent of **CALIFORNIA BRUSH FIRES** are started by improper use of brush clearing equipment!!!

Do your part to keep the Santa Monica Mountains safe!

1. NEVER use a weed whacker, chainsaw, or lawn mower on a hot windy day, and especially, NEVER ON RED FLAG ALERT DAYS! Use plastic blades or nylon strings instead of metal. Sparks are caused by metal hitting rocks.
2. ALWAYS use a funnel when filling a gas tank, and fill it on pavement. NEVER fill the tank in a grassy field. Never put hot equipment down in vegetation.
3. ALWAYS keep a FIRE EXTINGUISHER and/or water hose, and SHOVEL close to the work area. Use the shovel to toss dirt over embers.
4. ALWAYS SCAN the work area, looking for smoke and other signs of a spreading fire. Periodically stop work and listen for the sound of a fire. Grass fires are very difficult to see in the daytime when they are still small enough to extinguish easily. CHECK AGAIN 30-60 minutes after clearing.
5. ALWAYS keep a cell phone with you and report smoke or fires to 911.



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