

# **BRUSH CLEARING FIRE SAFETY**

30 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 weedwhacker, chainsaw, or lawn mower on a hot windy day, and especially, NEVER ON RED FLAG ALERT DAYS!
2. ALWAYS use a funnel when filling a gas tank, and fill it on pavement. NEVER fill the tank in a grassy field.
3. NEVER put hot equipment down in vegetation.
4. ALWAYS keep a FIRE EXTINGUISHER and/or water hose, and SHOVEL close to the work area. Use the shovel to toss dirt over embers.
5. 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.
6. ALWAYS keep a cell phone with you and immediately report smoke or fires to 911.

