

New Wildfire Mitigation Requirements In Effect 1/1/24

The Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District's Board of Directors approved Ordinance 20-01 on July 15, 2020. The ordinance included a requirement that all juniper (genus juniperus) and bamboo (genus bambusa) within 10 feet of the paved edge of all public and private roads be removed by December 31, 2023.



The Fire District implemented the ordinance because Juniper and Bamboo are extremely flammable and, when planted adjacent to roadways, can inhibit resident evacuations and first responder access.

The Fire District's Wildfire Mitigation Specialists have begun to leave door hangers at properties that are not in compliance with the ordinance. If your property has juniper or bamboo that must be removed, the City and Fire District have several programs that may be of assistance:

- For general information regarding the Fire District's Fuels Mitigation and Fire Prevention Programs (including MOFD home hardening grants)- <https://www.mofd.org/our-district/fuels-mitigation-fire-prevention>
- If you have a question about whether vegetation on your property needs to be mitigated, consider requesting a no-cost home assessment from one of MOFD's Fire Adapted Community Ambassadors - <https://www.mofd.org/community/outreach-programs/fire-adapted-community-ambassador-program>
- MOFD maintains a list of established local weed abatement contractors. You can check out the list here- <https://www.mofd.org/our-district/fuels-mitigation-fire-prevention/weed-abatement-contractor-list>
- City of Orinda's free Chipping Program can be found here- <https://reserve.chipperday.com/Orinda>
- City of Orinda Measure R Fire Fuels Reduction Incentive Program may be of help. The application form can be found here: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/CityOfOrinda1/MeasureRFireFuelsReductionIncentivePilotProgramApplication>

As the 2024 wildland fire season approaches MOFD Fire Prevention Staff will be issuing pre-citation notices to properties that have juniper or bamboo within 10 feet of the paved edge of a road.

Please take time to improve our community's wildfire preparedness now by removing these plants.

If you have questions about the new requirements, please email info@mofd.org or contact our fire prevention staff at 925-258-4599.