

FIRE HAZARDS FAQ's

1. Where can I report a dangerous or abandoned building that I think is a fire hazard?

Report these concerns to the Santa Clara County Development Services Office/Building Inspection Office at (408) 299-5700.

2. Where can I report an electrical fire hazard in a building that might start a fire?

Report these concerns to the Santa Clara County Development Services/Building Inspection Office at (408) 299-5700.

3. My neighbor has weeds that I think are a fire hazard. Who should I call?

Contact the County Weed Abatement Program at (408) 282-3145 to report your concerns about hazardous vegetation or combustible debris (e.g. wood, paper, trash, etc.). The *Weed Abatement Program is under the authority of the Santa Clara County Agricultural Commissioner*, not the County Fire Marshal. For more information on their program go the Santa Clara County Division of Agriculture website, to the Weed Abatement Program webpage.

4. How do I get a burn permit?

The County Fire Marshal's Office does NOT issue burn permits. You must contact both your local responding Fire Department, Fire District or (if your property is located outside a Fire District) Cal Fire, as well as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (415-771-6000).

5. Who should I call to complain about neighbors who I think are burning illegally or unsafely on their property?

Call 911 while the burning is taking place. **Be sure to clarify that this is not an emergency, but an illegal burn.** Complaints should also be referred to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at (415) 771-6000.