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# CUPERTINO VOLUNTEER FAIR 2019

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 10350 TORRE AVE.

## VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Mental Health
- Animal Care
- Social Services
- Medical Field
- Environmental
- Government



For more info visit: [cupertino.org/volunteer](http://cupertino.org/volunteer)



# A Greener Cupertino: We Are In This Together

How do you contribute to a greener and healthier Cupertino? These Cupertinoins shared their stories.



"I reuse water used for cleaning veggies to soak dishes in the sink to save water."

- Sangeetha K



"We installed solar panels on our roof and planted sustainable plants in our front yard that is watered via drip irrigation. We also recycle, compost, and use low impact lighting"

-Ruby E.

"I would encourage people who are building new homes on existing property or remodeling to deconstruct, reuse, or donate. That is what we did in 2010 when we decided to build a new home on our existing property as we did not have the heart to demolish our old home."

- Poonam B



Share your story by emailing [scene@cupertino.org](mailto:scene@cupertino.org) or find the City on social media.   

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# Cupertino Takes Action on **Climate Change**

Since 2010, Cupertino's greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by 13% community wide. Together, we're making Cupertino healthier and cleaner for families today and in the future. Here's how:



## **1** Clean Energy

- Silicon Valley Clean Energy provides electricity from solar, wind, and other carbon free sources to homes and businesses.
- Residents and businesses installed over 3 MW of solar panels since 2015.
- Municipal buildings and streetlights are now powered by 100% renewable energy through Silicon Valley Clean Energy.

## **2** Urban Forest

- Over 4,000 new trees were planted or are in progress, cleaning Cupertino's air (since 2015).

## **3** Save Water

- Our community reduced water use by 25% (per capita from 2010 to 2017).

## **4** Green Businesses

- Cupertino Certified Green Businesses have saved 5,892 MT of carbon emissions and diverted over 19 million pounds of waste from the landfill. (See page 8 for more on Cupertino Green Businesses.)

## **5** Travel Green

- Renewable diesel for diesel-powered fleet vehicles and equipment is being used as a transition fuel. When available, electric vehicles and equipment are prioritized at time of replacement.
- Cupertino was recognized by League of American Bicyclists as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Business in 2017.

For the latest report on the City Climate Action Plan and progress visit: [cupertino.org/ClimateAction](http://cupertino.org/ClimateAction)

# Envision Your Climate Smart Home

Keep your home as up-to-date as your phone!  
Save money, energy, and water with climate smart technology for your home:

## Smart Appliances

Switch to high efficient, ENERGY STAR appliances and connect to your smart thermostat to save money during high price times for electricity usage. Check for PG&E rebates on ENERGY STAR appliances: [marketplace.pge.com](http://marketplace.pge.com)

## Solar Panels

Go solar and run your electric appliances on sunlight!

## Green your lighting

Switch your old lightbulbs to LED and save tons of energy. Go ultra green and power your home with 100% renewable electricity - opt up to Green Prime through Silicon Valley Clean Energy! Call 1-844-474-7823 for more info.

## Electric car

Drive an electric car or plug-in hybrid to complete your climate smart home!

## Efficient Water Heater

Set your water heater to 120 degrees to save up to \$460 per year. Time to replace your water heater? Consider an electric heat pump water heater for green and efficient water heating. Check for PG&E rebates: [marketplace.pge.com/electric-water-heaters](http://marketplace.pge.com/electric-water-heaters) or Silicon Valley Clean Energy's FutureFit Home program: [svcleanenergy.org](http://svcleanenergy.org)

## Wifi Enabled Smart Thermostat

Get the latest technology with a wifi thermostat. Find an ENERGY STAR smart thermostat and get a \$50 rebate from PG&E: [marketplace.pge.com/thermostats](http://marketplace.pge.com/thermostats)

## Drought tolerant plants

Replace your lawn with Bay Area friendly landscaping, Cupertino residents get paid \$2 per square foot of turf removed - Check [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org) for rebates.

# 2019

## Earth & Arbor Day

Saturday, April 13th, 2019  
Civic Center Plaza  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join the City of Cupertino as we celebrate Earth and Arbor Day with hands-on activities, local organizations, delicious food, and live performances, all while learning new ways to protect our earth and urban forest.



### **4th Annual Pedal 4 the Planet Bike Ride**

**Registration Opens @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Rides Depart @ 10:00 a.m.**

2 Route Options:

- There is a 5 mile and a 10 mile route.
- Both rides will start and end at Cupertino City Center.

Show up and ride, no pre-registration required!

For more information visit our Cupertino Safe Routes to School website, [cupertino.org/saferoutes](http://cupertino.org/saferoutes).

### **Yoga**

**11:00 a.m. in Community Hall**

Root yourself with the earth with Instructor Sa-ad Kongboon.



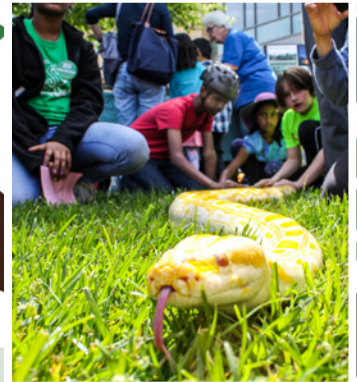


### City Tree Walking Tour

1:45 - 2:15 p.m.

#### **Meet at the Information Booth**

Learn about Cupertino's urban forest as you take a walk around the neighborhood with City Arborist Jason Fauth.



### Animals

Stop by the McClellan Ranch Preserve booth to interact with some reptiles and other animals.



### Electric Vehicle Demos

Considering going electric? Peek under the hood of an electric vehicle with the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Electric Auto Association.

### Rock Climbing



### Food Trucks

Dine on delicious food and drinks from local food trucks.



### Local Organizations

Learn, craft, and have fun with over 60 local organizations and businesses committed to caring for the environment. To see a full list of tabling partners, visit [cupertino.org/earthday](http://cupertino.org/earthday).



### Live Entertainment

Sing, dance, and learn while enjoying live performances from the Apple House Writers, Silicon Valley Shaolin Cultural Center, Martin and the Green Guitar, and Event Horizon Rock Band. Visit [cupertino.org/earthday](http://cupertino.org/earthday) for the performance schedule.

# 5 Reasons to SHOP GREEN

The Cupertino Green Business Program assists businesses in achieving advanced environmental standards in energy and water efficiency, waste management, employee health and wellness, and pollution prevention. Live up to your environmental values by supporting businesses that support our community.

**1 Green Businesses care about the future**  
– Green Businesses are mindful of how their actions today will impact future generations

*“We care about our kids' future and the future of the environment” – Vardy's Jewelers*



**2 Green Businesses support the community**  
– Our newest Certified Business, **West Valley Community Services**, unites the community to fight hunger and homeless - all while protecting the environment.



**3 Green Businesses are team players**  
– Green Businesses do their part to create a sustainable city

*“One of the things we have to take seriously is our stewardship or our care of the earth”  
– Bethel Lutheran Church and School*



**4 Green Businesses are innovative**  
– **Cupertino Soap** uses biodegradable shrink-wrap on their products so that nothing ends up in the landfill

**5 Any business can go Green**  
– From hotels to home offices, every business or organization can take small steps that add to huge impacts. There are over 4,000 certified businesses in California and more joining every day.

To learn more and see a complete list of certified businesses, visit [www.cupertino.org/greenbiz](http://www.cupertino.org/greenbiz)

What businesses would you like to see certified? Let them know being green is important to their customers. Encourage them to get their Green Business Certification!





# GET IN THE CUPERTI-*know*

*What's going on around town?*

## Clean Water and Storm Protection Fee

The City is proposing a new fee for Clean Water and Storm Protection programs, which benefits your property and protects our environment.

[Cupertino.org/cleanwater](http://Cupertino.org/cleanwater)



## Civic Center Master Plan Review

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 16  
Cupertino Community Hall

Learn what options were considered and what process the City will go through moving forward.

## Big Bunny 5k

Grab your family and friends and get energized for the Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run.

Register today at [bigbunny5k.com](http://bigbunny5k.com)



## Housing Commission Vacancy – Financial Representative

The Financial Representative must represent a financial institution that is located in Cupertino to be eligible. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2019. Interviews held May 21.

Submit Completed Application to [cupertino.org/vacancies](http://cupertino.org/vacancies)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR ©

## TEENS

### National Caramel Day

Thursday, April 4, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Enjoy some treats with all things caramel. We'll be serving them all up all day at the Teen Center!

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### <hack> Cupertino 2019

Saturday April 13 to Sunday April 14,  
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road  
Cupertino's Teen Commission together with the Cupertino Recreation Department is hosting <hack> Cupertino, a 13-hour overnight hackathon designed to solve a problem presented during our Opening Ceremony. The winning team has the potential for their idea to be developed together with City staff and be implemented as an official City application. Find out more at [www.cupertino.org/teens](http://www.cupertino.org/teens).

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### Teen Center Spring Break Extended Hours

Monday, April 15 to Saturday, April 20,  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Be sure to come hang out at the Teen Center during out extended hours for Spring Break!

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### National Pajama Day

Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Wear your most comfy pajamas to the Teen Center on National Pajama Day! We will vote to determine who has the funniest outfit and they will win a free snack!

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### Teen Info Night

Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.  
Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave  
Build leadership skills, get on-the-job training, and volunteer hours within the Cupertino community. Learn more about how you can volunteer in Cupertino at Teen Info Night! Programs include: Leaders In Training, Junior Lifeguards, Cupertino Teen Leadership Academy, and Teen Commission.

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### National Pigs in a Blanket Day

Wed., April 24, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Teen Center, 21111 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Enjoy some hot and delicious pigs in a blanket with your favorite condiments at the Teen Center! Served all day.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

### West Coast Farmers Market

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Oaks Shopping Center

Stop by the West Coast Farmers Market every Friday and Sunday in the Oaks Shopping Center parking lot. For more information visit [www.wcfma.org](http://www.wcfma.org).

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### Creekside Farmers Market

Every Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Creekside Park, 10455 Miller Avenue  
Stop by the Creekside Farmers Market every Friday at Creekside Park in Cupertino. For more information visit, [www.pcfma.org/visit/markets](http://www.pcfma.org/visit/markets).

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### Holi Festival of Colors

Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Memorial Park  
This is a free event open to the community of Cupertino and beyond, hosted by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. The festival celebrates the arrival of spring and for many a festive day to meet others, enjoy delicacies, play & laugh!

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### Community Meetings: Clean Water and Storm Protection Fee

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:  
4/9: Senior Center  
4/13: City Hall, 10300 Torre Ave.  
4/30: Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd.

The City is proposing a new fee for Clean Water and Storm Protection programs, which benefits your property and protects our environment.

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### Shredding and Environmental Recycling Event

Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
De Anza College, Parking Lot A  
Drop off confidential documents for shredding electronics, batteries, and fluorescent lights for recycling, or usable furniture or clothing for donation. Visit [www.cupertino.org/environmentalday](http://www.cupertino.org/environmentalday) for full list of acceptable items.

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### Earth and Arbor Day Festival

Saturday, April 13,  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Cupertino Civic Center Plaza  
Take a yoga class, join our family-friendly bike ride, eat lunch from a food truck, watch live entertainment, and learn, craft, and play with over 75 local environmental organizations!

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### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13,  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Memorial Park, 10185 N. Stelling Road  
Every year HOC5 and the City of Cupertino jointly hosts an Easter Egg Hunt community event for the family. There have Egg Hunts, Games, Bouncy House, and so much more!

### Silicon Valley Audubon Society Speaker Series: Birds of the American West

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Redwood Hall, 373 Pine Lane, Los Altos  
This program will feature photographs of iconic birds of the Western U.S. from birding hotspots in New Mexico, Oregon, and California. <http://www.scvas.org/speakerseries>.

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### Budget and Bites

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road  
Join City budget staff, and take a bite out of City budgeting process. This lecture and practical exercise community workshop will help you digest City revenues, expenses, and balance your own City budget.

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### Big Bunny 5K

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.  
Cupertino Civic Center Plaza  
Grab your family and friends and get energized for the Big Bunny 5K and Kids Fun Run. Register at [bigbunny5k.com](http://bigbunny5k.com).

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### Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday & Sunday April 27 & 28,  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Park  
This fun family festival honors Cupertino's sister city relationship with Toyokawa, Japan by sharing Japanese arts & culture with the entire community.

## CUPERTINO LIBRARY

For more information on library programs, visit the Events section of the Cupertino Library's website at [sccl.org/cupertino](http://sccl.org/cupertino).

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

#### Bookmobile Storytime

Wed., 4/10, 2:00 p.m., Cupertino Library  
The Santa Clara County Library District Bookmobile will be stopping by Cupertino Library to celebrate National Bookmobile Week! Join us for a bookmobile storytime and take a peek inside.

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#### LEGO Club

Thur., 4/18, 4:00 p.m., Library Story Room  
Kids in Kindergarten through 8th grade can build with our LEGO bricks. All you need is your imagination!

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Extracurricular Development:

#### Standing Out from the Competition

Wed., 4/17, 7:00 p.m., Library Story Room  
Join FLEX as we discuss the relevance of extracurricular and summer activities, and introduce ways in which to build them seamlessly into a robust and cohesive application profile.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Introduction to Ayurveda

Sat., April 6, 2:00 p.m., Library Story Room  
Come journey with us into the vast and fascinating world of Ayurveda, the traditional Indian medicine system which is the sister science of Yoga. You will learn fundamental concepts and how to cultivate wellness and balance in your life. Registration required at [scccl.org/Locations/Cupertino/events](http://scccl.org/Locations/Cupertino/events).

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### Death by Design: A 2017 UNAFF Film Festival Selection

Wed., 4/24, 7:00 p.m., Library Story Room  
In an investigation that spans the globe from China to New York to Silicon Valley, filmmaker Sue Williams explores the underbelly of the electronics industry and reveals how even the smallest devices have deadly environmental and health costs.

## SENIOR CENTER

**For more info on the Senior Center, or to sign up for classes or events, visit [cupertino.org/senior](http://cupertino.org/senior) or stop by 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard.**

## EVENTS & SOCIALS

### Basic Conflict Resolution Workshop

Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Led by Project Sentinel, learn understanding conflict and managing your response to conflict situations, discover communication strategies, and create a plan for ways to improve your particular response to conflict.

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### Around the World in 60 Minutes

Tuesday, April 3, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Take part in an afternoon of musical fun and fellowship as the Harmonikat and Ukulele Band take you around the globe!

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### Monday Night Basketball Social

Monday, April 8, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Watch the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on our big screen while enjoying oven-roasted vegetables and creamy mac and cheese for dinner. Preregistration required.

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### Financial Wellness Lecture

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Protecting your money is important – especially in retirement. Join Breathe California for a presentation on how you can avoid financial scams and learn about other tips to maximize savings.

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### April Birthday Bash

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 p.m.  
Celebrate April birthdays with a Russian-themed meal accompanied by Russian entertainment. Vegetarian option available when registering. Preregistration required as space is limited.

### Smart Living 50+ Health & Wellness Fair

Friday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Senior Center 21251, Stevens Creek Blvd  
Join the City of Cupertino for the second annual Smart Living 50+ Health & Wellness Fair and learn about services that are available to seniors.

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### Home Fire Safety and Fall Prevention

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.  
Join Santa Clara County Fire to understand fire risks and how to practice fire safety habits while developing a home escape plan. Identify fall risks and learn simple, effective home fixes to prevent falls.

## CLASSES & PRESENTATIONS

### Flex Drop-in Passes

Members can purchase Flex passes at the senior center front desk for \$6 each. Look for the Flex pass logo on select classes. Flex passes are non-refundable. Please note: classes may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met. For members only.

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### Stay Active Fund

The Stay Active Fund helps adults 50+ remain active, engaged, and participating at the Cupertino Senior Center. This fund provides assistance to offset the cost for senior center membership and registration for classes and events. The fund is available beginning in November through June 30, or until the fund is depleted. Please contact the senior center staff for more details.

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### 50+ Softball

Thur., March 28 - December 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Come out and play with friends at Memorial Park! Batting practice is at 9am and a pick-up game promptly starts at 10am each week.

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### Universal Workshop

Wed., April 3, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Register for unlimited access to over 500 free, non-credit online, continuing education courses!

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### iPad/iPhone Beginning in Mandarin

Wed., April 3 - 25, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Become more familiar with your iPad/iPhone and learn the basics including Settings, Control Center, Photo editing, downloading Applications and more! Members must bring their fully charged iPad/iPhone each time to class.

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### Nutrition Made Easy: Healthy Pastas

Mon., April 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Create three different easy, healthy, and delicious pasta dishes with Instructor Jen Oh that are perfect for one or two. All diets and food preferences welcomed, and everything you make you get to take home to enjoy later!

### Nutrition Made Easy: Promote Brain Health

Friday, April 26, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Promoting brain health is the key to healthy aging and preventing dementia and Alzheimer's. Discover key steps with Instructor Jen Oh with simple tips and techniques to keep our brains healthy and sharp.

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### Kumihimo (Beaded)

Thursday, April 4 to April 25, 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
Kumihimo, meaning "gathering of threads", is a traditional Japanese art involving braiding or weaving together various threads into a cord. You will learn how to make a simple braid and work up to beautiful beaded Kumihimo. Member fee \$35.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### Housing

Mon., April 1, 15 | 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Information on resources for senior housing options. Please call (408) 777-3150 to make an appointment.

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### Blood Pressure Check

Tue., April 2, 16, 30 | 12:15p.m.-1:15p.m.  
Mon., April 8, 22 | 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.  
Free blood pressure checks by volunteer nurse. Open to the public.

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### Senior Adult Legal Aid (SALA)

Fri., April 5, 12, 19 | 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.  
Provides free assistance to elders for basic legal matters in public benefits, long-term care, elder abuse, housing, consumer issues, incapacity planning, probate alternative, and simple wills. Must be 60 or older and live in Santa Clara County. Please call (408)777-3150 to make an appointment.

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### Health Insurance Counseling (HICAP)

Mon., April 8, 22 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Consultation on Medicare and health insurance. Please call 408.777.3150 to make an appointment.

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### Case Management Program

This program helps seniors obtain community resources enabling them to remain independent and safe in their home. Case Managers provide assessments to determine the needs for services; coordinate and ensure legal services are in place. Home visits can be provided to homebound seniors living in Cupertino. Free service, membership required. **Drop-in Consultations with Case Managers are Wed., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or by appointment Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mandarin and Cantonese language appointments are available.**



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# THE SCENE ANSWERS

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## What is the Weed Abatement Program and Why Am I Receiving This Notice in the Mail?

The Santa Clara County Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management and the City of Cupertino are working together to prevent fire hazards posed by vegetative growth and the accumulation of combustible materials.

Property owners are required to keep their property free of fire hazards—such as weeds—throughout the year. **However, the Minimum Fire Safety Standards (MFSS) are required to be met each year by the April 30 deadline and then maintained through the fire season. Vegetation must not exceed six inches in height any time after the compliance deadline.**

The Weed Abatement Program is entirely funded from fees charged to residents if:

1. The County contractor must perform weed abatement work on the property, or
2. If the property is not in compliance with MFSS when it is first inspected by the County in the spring. Properties that fail the initial inspection will be charged an inspection fee, even if the resident completes the weed abatement. Properties that meet and maintain the MFSS will not be charged.

County staff annually inspect parcels at the beginning of the fire season, which is typically in March or April. If the property is not in compliance, the property owner will pay a fee equal to the contractor's charges plus a County administrative fee. All fees will be included in your property tax bill.

For more information on the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program, visit [sccgov.org/sites/wap/Pages/wap.aspx](http://sccgov.org/sites/wap/Pages/wap.aspx).



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