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# CITY OF SARATOGA

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November 9, 2018

**Via Certified Mail**

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Subject: Weed Abatement Program Bill - Property Address ██████████ / APN ██████████  
Payment Due December 17, 2018

Dear Property Owner,

Enclosed with this letter is a bill for fees incurred as part of the Weed Abatement Program. These fees were described in previous notices sent by the City or County of Santa Clara County Department of Agriculture Weed Abatement Program. **PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ ██████████ IS DUE TO THE CITY OF SARATOGA BY Monday, December 17, 2018.**

**2018 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FEES:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Initial Inspection Fee	██████████
Failed Inspection Fee	██████████
Contract Work Fee	██████████
Contractor Abatement Costs - Disc	██████████
Contractor Abatement Costs - Hand Work	██████████
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	██████████

Payment can be made by credit card or check. Credit card payments can be made in person or online. Please send your email address and APN to [cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us) to receive a link to the online payment system. Please use the address below for payments by mail or in person:

City of Saratoga, City Manager's Office  
13777 Fruitvale Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

Please note that City Hall is closed every other Friday due to the City's 9/80 schedule.

If the total amount due is not paid in full by the deadline above, that amount, together with an additional fee of \$150 to cover administration costs, will become a lien against the property listed above and shall constitute a special assessment and be collected at the same time and in the same manner as your property taxes.

**ASSESSMENT HEARING - JANUARY 16, 2019:**

On January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Theater, the City Council will receive an itemized report of unpaid bills for Weed Abatement Program expenses. The City Council will also be asked to consider a resolution confirming assessments on these properties.

Property owners may raise objections to proposed assessments by writing to the City Council in advance of the meeting or speaking during the meeting. This letter is the only one you will receive concerning this meeting.

Following the hearing, approved assessments will be submitted to the County Tax Assessor to be applied to the property tax roll.

**ABOUT WEED ABATEMENT:**

The Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program acts by contract with the City to protect Saratoga from wildfire by reducing potential fuel, like weeds. All properties in Saratoga are subject to the requirements of the Weed Abatement Program.

Santa Clara County Fire Department also operates a similar program, the Brush Abatement Program, with different parameters. The Brush Abatement Program only affects those properties in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area of the City, which is the part of the City at the greatest risk for wildfire. Requirements for Brush Abatement are slightly different than the Weed Abatement Program. However, properties that comply with Weed Abatement requirements generally also comply with Brush Abatement requirements.

For more information about these two programs, visit the City's Weed and Brush Abatement page at [www.saratoga.ca.us/weed\\_brush](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/weed_brush). If you have any questions, please feel free contact me at 408.868.1269 or [cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us](mailto:cbothelio@saratoga.ca.us).

Sincerely,  
Crystal Bothelio, Deputy City Manager  
City of Saratoga