



Land Use Services Department Fire Hazard Abatement

The table below outlines the Fire Hazard Abatement process in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County and contract cities:

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3	If the property owner does not contact this office within the 10 days from date on the Administrative Citation, then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following penalties are charged to the property owner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-Compliance fee - \$178.00 penalty - Abatement Warrant (if a structure is on the property) - \$226.00 procurement and servicing fee, and A work order to abate the fire hazard(s) is assigned to a County-approved contractor at \$412.58/hour 						
4	After County-approved contractor work is completed, a Fire Hazard Abatement Invoice*** is generated and sent to the property owner for some or all of the aforementioned costs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Citation, Non-Compliance fee, Abatement Warrant procurement and servicing fee, and Contractor abatement costs. 						
5	If a Fire Hazard Abatement invoice remains unpaid for 60 days after the billing date, a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25.00 late fee is assessed, and Lien is placed on the property with a \$160.00 lien release fee. 						

* May be appealed before the 30-day Compliance Date.

** May be appealed within 20 days of the Citation Date.

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