



# Information Sheet

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## WEED & TALL GRASS CONTROL

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### **Why does Brigham City control weed & grass problem?**

The City has an interest in protecting property values and for providing a safe environment for its citizens. The current Nuisance Ordinance prohibits dead, decayed, diseased, or hazardous trees, noxious weeds that are a potential fire hazard or harbor for rodents.

{Brigham City Code 13.01.030}

### **What types of weeds & tall grass does the city not require to be cut?**

Generally speaking, we do not require that large stands of sage brush be cut. These plants provide stability to the soil. We allow farmers growing crops such as hay or alfalfa to reach maturity.

### **How often must I cut my weeds & tall grasses during the year?**

You should cut them as often as necessary to keep the weeds from growing too tall. Generally, this means that you will need to cut them several times during the spring and summer months.

### **I have a very large parcel; do I need to cut the entire parcel?**

In cases where the parcel is over an acre in size, you are only required to cut a thirty (30) foot fire break around the perimeter of the property, including any area adjacent to a street. As a rule of thumb, you may also wish to post no trespassing signs to discourage motorcycles and other fire causing activities from entering your property.

### **Why doesn't the City require the weeds to be removed completely?**

When vegetation is completely stripped from the ground, the soil becomes ripe for soil erosion. Often times, it is not uncommon for the same residents calling about the weeds to call several weeks later to complain about the dust clouds from the bare ground. We encourage individuals cutting weeds to leave the root system in place to stabilize the property or plant suitable vegetation.