



Spring 2018

Dear Fellow Topangans,

Spring is here and everything is bursting out all over – including our roadside grasses. While things are still green, we want to enlist your aid in fulfilling our community’s commitment to assist Caltrans by cutting the roadside vegetation. By weed whacking along your frontage on Topanga Canyon Boulevard – Our Main Street – you will help keep Topanga poison-free and fire-safe.

Together we can comply with the Fire Department’s mandate and ensure that Caltrans will continue to use non-toxic clearing methods to maintain our roadsides while preserving Topanga’s natural beauty and protecting our wildlife. **Your volunteer efforts make all the difference.**

“Community Work for a Common Goal” is what we’re talking about! You’ve heard of Topanga’s Trash Warriors, spearheaded by the Topanga Chamber and TASC, and its two-ton, two-year effort to keep Topanga Forever Scenic. These volunteers embody the community spirit that keeps Topanga vital and vibrant.

So does the TCB Roadside Committee, who spent six years entreating and persuading Caltrans to manage vegetation without poisons while the Watershed Committee, Chamber and Town Council worked to make Topanga a certified wildlife habitat – a green, safe haven for our furry and feathered friends to flourish. At the same time, the Fire Safe Council has taught residents how to live in a forest and still keep fire safe.

We hope that you, dear neighbors and friends, will join us as we keep Topanga free from flames and herbicides. **Here’s how you can help:**

1. Break out the weed whacker and cut back your Topanga Canyon Boulevard grass growth 8-feet from the boulevard to no higher than 2-4 inches **by June 1st or sooner.**
2. Work safe and observe proper precautions when using mechanical equipment that may ignite dry brush. If possible, use a solar or electric weed-whacker, and have a water source nearby in case of emergencies. Personal safety is of utmost priority for all our Topanga volunteers.
3. Let us know when you intend to or if you already have completed vegetation removal along your part of the street by sending an email to tcbrc27@gmail.com with your contact information. If you don't have frontage property, but want to help out – contact us. Besides our email, you can reach out to any of the Topanga organizations in the left margin of this letter.

Thank you in advance for participating in this critical community work and helping **Keep Topanga Scenic and Safe!**

Best regards,

*The Topanga Canyon Boulevard
Roadside Committee*

Topanga Association
Association for a Scenic
Community
tasc4topanga.org

Topanga Chamber of
Commerce
topangachamber.org

Topanga Coalition for
Emergency Preparedness
t-cep.org

Topanga Town Council
onetopanga.com

Topanga Creek Watershed
Committee
topangacreekwatershedcommittee.org

Resource Conservation District
of the Santa Monica Mountains
rcdmmm.org

North Topanga Canyon Fire
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