

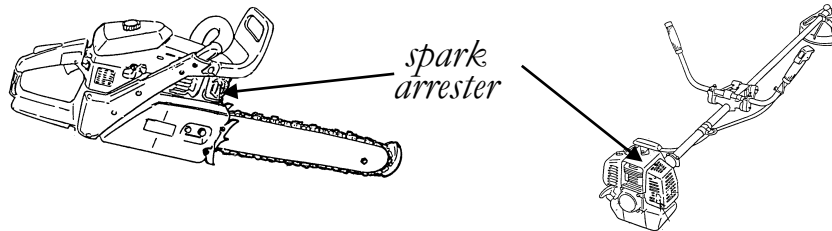


## **FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS WEED AND BRUSH CLEARANCE**

Fires started during weed and brush clearing operations can quickly destroy property and threaten lives. Property owners and contractors are required per Chapter 8.04 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code, as adopted by Ordinance #6094 to provide for fire prevention and protection in the High Fire Areas of the City when doing weed and brush clearing operations.

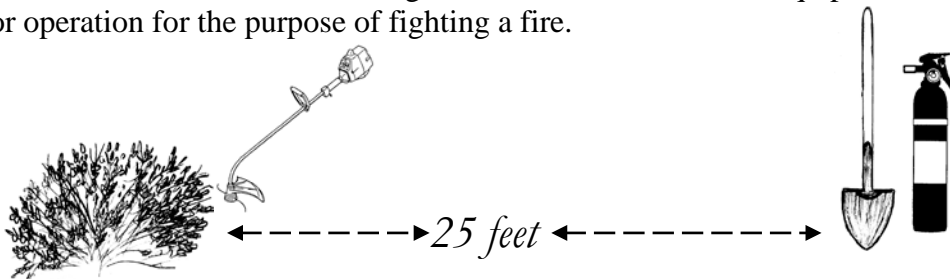
### **Spark Arresters**

All gasoline-fueled internal combustion equipment, such as weed whips, chain saws, mowers or tractors in grass and brush covered areas *must have an effective spark arrester attached to the exhaust system*. A spark arrester is a device which keeps sparks from being ejected through the exhaust system. Without a spark arrester, these hot carbon deposits can escape and cause a fire.



### **Shovel/Fire Extinguisher**

All persons using gasoline-fueled internal combustion equipment must have a shovel or a 2A 10BC fire extinguisher within 25 feet of the equipment or operation for the purpose of fighting a fire.



**As a property owner, you are responsible for insuring that the contractor hired to do your weed and brush clearance conforms to these regulations.**

Equipment used for weed abatement can be a major cause of grass and brush fires. These fires can quickly destroy property and threaten lives.

**Tips for fire safety when using internal combustibile engine equipment:**

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for grade and mixture of oil and gasoline.
- Maintain your equipment in good working condition.
- Check condition of the gas line, spark plug and spark arrester frequently while operating equipment.
- Carry gasoline in an approved container equipped with a spout, or use a funnel so gasoline does not spill on the equipment or ground.
- Move at least 10 feet from the place where you refueled before starting your equipment.
- Place equipment on bare ground or rock with the exhaust system facing towards the sky, when putting the equipment down.
- Do not operate equipment if it overheats or backfires.
- Never smoke while working. Any smoking should be done inside a closed vehicle or while sitting in an area cleared of flammable materials of at least 3 feet diameter.
- Remain in the area for at least 30 minutes after completing work, to be sure a fire has not started.
- Check and replace spark arresters periodically to ensure proper functioning.

*If you have **any** doubt about your equipment or if you have further questions related to these requirements, please call 564-5702.*