

# NEWSLETTER

## City of Wasco Update

May 1, 2017

With the much-needed rainfall we have been receiving, lawns, flowers and **WEEDS** have been sprouting up quickly☺ As a reminder of what you need to be doing to keep ahead of these weeds, an excerpt of **WASCO CITY NUISANCE ORDINANCE NO. 325 Section 12 Noxious Vegetation** follows:

**Definition:** The term *noxious vegetation* includes, but is not limited to: **weeds or grass more than 10" high, puncture vine, bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare, vegetation that is a health hazard, a fire hazard because it is near combustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare.** The term *noxious vegetation* does **not** include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop.

**Directive:** No owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of property to cut down or destroy vegetation as often as needed to prevent it from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed.

**Notification:** Between March 1 and May 15 of each year, the City Clerk/Recorder shall publish an excerpt of Section 12 three times to serve as notice to all owners and persons in charge of property that it is their duty to keep their property free from noxious vegetation. This form of notification shall be in lieu of the notice otherwise required.

**Abatement:** The City may abate such nuisance on any particular property at the request of the owner or person in charge of the property for a fee sufficient to cover the City's cost of the abatement. In the absence of such request, the City shall abate such nuisances ten (10) or more days after the final publication of the notice and charge the cost of doing so to the property owner, the person in charge thereof, or the property itself.

*This is the 2nd of three notices to be published as per Wasco City Nuisance Ord. No. 325, Section 12. After publication of the final notice in May, the City will begin the abatement process.*

**CITY & COUNTY CLEAN-UP EVENTS:** On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, **Sherman County** will be holding their annual Clean-Up Event from **9am – 3pm** at the **Solid Waste Transfer Station** located on Welk Road. Sherman County residents may take one pickup load of trash to the transfer site without paying a fee --with some exceptions. (Fees are required for: refrigerators, freezer, tires, furniture, etc.) Once you arrive at the Transfer Site, wait for an attendant to direct you to the appropriate area to unload your trash.

The **City of Wasco Clean-Up Event** will be held **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** from **9a.m. - 1p.m.** and will be set up near the Wasco Depot Park with a trailer available for metals, along with a 30-yard dumpster for trash. This Event will be available to Wasco residents – **FREE OF CHARGE** – for items such as: general household trash, bagged yard debris, kitchen appliances (toasters, mixers, etc.) and computer parts/equipment. The following items will be allowed with a **FEE** required: tires with rims (\$15) or without rims (\$10); small appliances (\$8); air conditioners (\$20). Items that will **NOT** be accepted include: refrigerators, freezers & other large appliances, furniture, mattresses, ash from burn barrels, human or animal waste, or any hazardous materials. Due to limited capacity, **ONE LOAD** per family will be allowed. **NOTE: DO NOT UNLOAD ANY ITEMS OR TRASH UNLESS AN ATTENDANT IS PRESENT.** This Event will not be open for use until **9:00a.m.** and will close at **1:00p.m.** – or as soon as the dumpster is full.