



City of West Lake Hills

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Dear City of West Lake Hills Residents,

West Lake Hills values its natural beauty, but it comes with additional risks as our region continues to experience dry summers, the threat of wildfire persists.

In partnership with the Westlake Fire Department (Travis County ESD No. 9), the City of West Lake Hills is a Firewise Community, which offers many benefits to the residents when implemented, and shows the community's desire to make collaborative efforts to reduce wildfire risk. For the city to maintain our Firewise status, we need your help maintaining your property to minimize wildfire risks.

The City of West Lake Hills' Comprehensive Plan states the following:

Whereas the dense woods and other vegetation within the corporate limits of the City of West Lake Hills creates a fire hazard during an extremely dry season of the year.

The City Council of the City of West Lake Hills has adopted ordinances and building codes to protect the interests of the community and help eliminate hazards that could affect public safety, health, general welfare, and the environment. That being the case, Section 22.03.300(4) (below) requires that property owners remove all dead brush.

(4) Require the removal of all confirmed dead brush, vegetation, and trees from all properties in order to reduce the risk of wildfire. In the case of dead trees and dead understory, the city inspector must confirm that the vegetation is indeed dead prior to its removal in order for the owner to avoid replacement requirements as described in [section 22.03.304\(d\)](#) below.

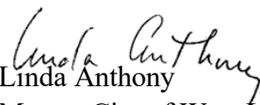
We appreciate the efforts that have been made to eradicate the dead brush, especially after the storms over the last couple of years. Beginning August 15, 2022, the city will begin citing property owners who are harboring dead vegetation. Removing the dead brush will also reduce the proliferation of rodents and snakes and ensure that West Lake Hills retains many desirable attributes for many years to come.

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) offers brush pickup separate from regular trash service. Please call them at (800) 375-8375 to schedule a brush pickup or it can be dropped off at two nearby locations. Please visit the TDS website www.texasdisposal.com for the locations, including 4001 Ranch Road 620 South, Bee Cave, Texas 78738.

Please feel free to call or email Alex Sanchez, City Inspector, at 512-327-3628 or asanchez@westlakehills.gov for dead brush inquiries or to obtain tree permits.

You can also stay informed on City events, emergencies and important information by signing up for the City's Mass Notification System here: <https://www.westlakehills.gov/127/Mass-Notification-System>. Visit the City's website at <https://www.westlakehills.org/125/Fire-Safety>, for additional information on fire safety.

Sincerely,


Linda Anthony
Mayor, City of West Lake Hills


Trey Fletcher
City Administrator