



# Fire Hazards - Vegetation or Exterior Property Areas

All properties in unincorporated King County must be maintained in a condition that is not a nuisance to the community. Nuisances are conditions that present a threat to public health, safety, and the environment.

King County does not have specific requirements for cutting lawns or trimming vegetation. However, if the cutting and/or trimming of lawns and vegetation are neglected it may create fire hazards during summer months. These conditions are prohibited by Code and must be corrected.

The International Fire Code Section 304.1.2 requires that combustible vegetation, (including cut or uncut weeds, grass, tree limbs, branches, and other debris) be removed. Under Title 16.14.460 of the King County Code - failure to do so may subject the property owner to civil penalties. For questions regarding the Fire Code, you can contact our office at 206-296-6600 or via email at [PermitQuestions@kingcounty.gov](mailto:PermitQuestions@kingcounty.gov)

**All other clearing restrictions such as within wetland and stream buffers must be observed.** If you have concerns regarding these critical areas please contact the King County Department of Local Services, Permitting Division at 206-296-6600 for further information.

To register your concerns about hazards at a property within unincorporated King County you may contact the Code Enforcement Section at 206-296-6680. You may also leave an on-line complaint on our [permitting web portal](http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/ce/complaints.aspx) (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/ce/complaints.aspx>)

## Additional Resources

King County [Department of Local Services, Permitting](http://www.kingcounty.gov/permitting) ([www.kingcounty.gov/permitting](http://www.kingcounty.gov/permitting))

[Location and Contact Information](#)

[Permit Fees](#)

[Code Enforcement](#)

[Fire Safety Burn Bans](#)