



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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Dear Residents:

Though a wet El Niño winter was widely predicted, Los Angeles County only saw about half the precipitation it would receive in a normal season. As a result, we have lots of new green growth in our wildland areas and local mountains; however, substantial dieback and death in brush and trees from the ongoing, five-year drought have created challenging fuel conditions.

This spring's devastating Fort McMurray wildfire in Alberta, Canada, is a clear reminder of the threat we face each fire season. Standing dead and dying fuels present a threat even in a moist environment. We must remain mindful of the drought and local water restrictions while maintaining our trees and landscaping for enhanced fire safety.

Fire station personnel began brush clearance inspections on May 1, 2016. Homeowners who do not pass the initial inspection will be provided a report detailing deficiencies and given 30 days to meet Fire Code requirements. If a property is not in compliance when the follow-up inspection is completed, penalties and enforcement procedures may follow.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department takes every precaution to protect you and your home from wildfire, but during a major wildland incident, firefighting resources will be limited. You can help your family prepare by going to fire.lacounty.gov and downloading a *Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan*. This plan provides guidance on how to retrofit your home with fire-resistant features, create defensible space, and develop a preparation and evacuation plan.

With advance planning and preparation, we can all be ready for the next wildfire. For more information, please visit fire.lacounty.gov or call our public information team at (323) 881-2411.

Stay safe,

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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