

High Risk Activity FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions During Restricted High-Risk-Activity Day

Can residents mow their lawn?

Yes. If the lawn is green and requires cutting, and has been irrigated, it is fire-resistant. If residents want to mow their lawn when it is dry and dead, we recommend holding off or using preventative measures such as pre-wet and post-wet lawn; and remaining on-site after mowing to watch out for smouldering fires. Have a garden hose nearby and a way to contact 9-1-1.

Can residents use a weed eater?

Using the same principles as lawn mowing, but extra precautions should be discussed with the fire department if using metal disk blades.

Can farmers hay their fields?

Yes. However, during a shutdown, there may be special fire prevention measures required. If not a critical job, we suggest holding off haying until the fire danger decreases. There are irrigated fields that are fairly safe to hay even in extreme conditions.

Is excavating a high-risk activity?

Not as long as the excavation is being done on rock, dirt or mineral soil. Examples of excavating could be construction-sites, septic tanks, driveway work, etc. Excavating doesn't include land clearing.

Can residents use a chainsaw on a landing?

Chainsaw use is only permitted on non-combustible surfaces during shutdown, such as green grass, gravel, dirt, and roadway.

Is drilling a high-risk activity?

No. Contractors can drill in rock under no restrictions. However, blasting is a high-risk activity and not permitted during shutdown.