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MOFD fears a fierce fire season

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The Moraga-Orinda Fire District responded to a four-alarm vegetation fire June 5 that charred over 20 acres in Orinda along westbound Highway 24. It was the first event of what fire officials fear is shaping up to be a very rough fire season, and prompted these words from Fire Chief Stephen Healy.

"With the heavy rains this past winter, the larger fuels have higher moisture contents, which is good because the chances of a conflagration from a fuel-fed fire are diminished. However, these same rains, particularly those late in the season, have contributed to an annual grass crop that is thick and tall. This is why we ask our citizens to remove dead fuel, including grass, brush and trees. Remember only to mow weeds during morning hours, when fuel moistures are higher and the winds are typically lighter. For more information about vegetation management and other community risk-reduction measures, check our website: www.mofd.org "

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