

# Vegetation Management

## Management Practices

1. Increase moisture content of plants
2. Proper spacing of individual plants
3. Decreasing the amount of vegetation within 100' of residence
4. Eliminate fire prone species and install fire and drought resistant species
5. Shortening plant height to below 2' within 10' of home



## Four R's of Management

### Removal

- Remove all dead vegetation within 100' of home
- Remove all vegetation within 10' of chimney
- Move wood piles at least 30' from home

### Reduction

- Reduce vegetation within 100' of your home
- Space shrubs in groups of 3 with 15' spacing between groups
- Trim plants to 2' or lower within 10' of your home
- Provide for horizontal and vertical separation between trees and shrubs

### Replacement

- Replace highly combustible plant species with recommended species
- Ensure proper spacing between new plants

### Resistant

- Utilize fire resistant species when possible
- Continue to reduce dead material and thin fire resistant species

Take responsibility for your home.  
It is up to you to be prepared for a  
wildfire!



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## WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS

### Homeowner Vegetation Management

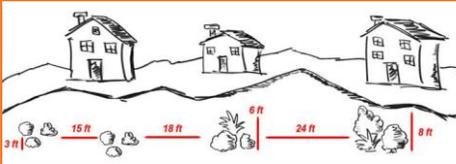


Will you be prepared?

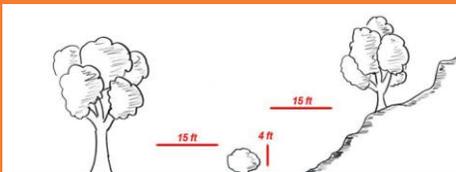


## Horizontal Spacing

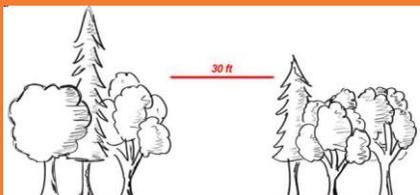
Shrubs greater than 2' tall shall be in a maximum grouping of three plants and separated by a distance of 3x the height of the tallest shrub, with a minimum of 15' spacing



Shrubs over 2' tall should be no closer than 15' from the edge of a tree canopy



Trees shall be in a maximum grouping of 3 and separated by a distance of at least 30 feet



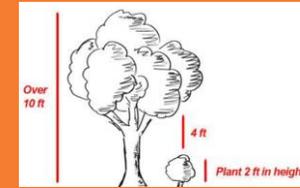
## Undesirable Plant List

- Artichoke Thistle
- Black Mustard
- Black Sage
- California Sagebrush
- Chamise
- Coyote Bush
- Cypress
- Eucalyptus
- Juniper
- Mexican Palm
- Pampa Grass
- Tumbleweed
- Yellow Mustard



## Vertical Spacing

Trees and shrubs more than 10' in height require a vertical separation of 4' between the plant material and lowest branch of the tree or shrub



Trees and shrubs less than 10' tall located within 30' of the home require a vertical separation of 2' between plant material and lowest branch of tree or shrub



Trees and shrubs less than 10' tall located more than 30' from the home require no vertical spacing between plant material and lowest branch

