VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Management Practices
- Increasing the moisture content of vegetation
- Proper spacing of individual plants
- Decreasing amount of vegetation within 100’ of residence
- Installing drought tolerant species
- Eliminating fire prone species surrounding home
- 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 chimneystack
- 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
PLANT AND TREE SPACING

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.

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.

DESIRABLE PLANT LIST

- Bearberry Cotoneaster
- Catalina Fragrance
- Comp. Strawberry Tree
- Bi-color Lupine
- Dwarf Rosemary
- Blue Fescue
- European Olive
- Burford Holly
- Holly Oak
- California Native Oaks
- Oregon Grape
- California Poppy
- Pineapple Guava

UNDESIRABLE PLANT LIST

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