

VEGETATION/LANDSCAPE PLAN

Required for new construction and all new plantings in the VERY HIGH FHSZ (603.3).
Development and maintenance plan for vegetation management.
Required upon submittal of building permit

MUST INCLUDE

- Marked fuel-management zones – clearly show the 30-foot and 10-foot defensible-space zones around all structures
- Vegetation details – identify which existing plants will remain and what new plants are being added
- Irrigation areas – show all locations that will be irrigated
- Plant legend – list both the botanical and common names of all plants, and include symbols used on the plan
- Ground-cover information – identify all ground coverings within the 30-foot zone

FIRE-SMART VEGETATION

CHARACTERISTICS

- Nonresinous plants (willow, poplar or tulip trees)
- Plants with high live fuel moisture
- Drought-tolerant plants
- Plants requiring little maintenance
- Plants with woody stems and branches that require prolonged heating to ignite

MAINTENANCE

- Growth with little or no accumulation of dead vegetation
- Low volume of total vegetation
- Stands without ladder fuels

SHRUBS

- Not exceed 6 feet in height
- Groupings limited to a max aggregate diameter of 10 feet
- Groupings separated min 15 feet
- Groupings separated from structures min 30 feet
- Below or within a tree's drip line, lowest branch min 3x the height of the understory shrubs of 10 feet

TREES (Within 30 foot zone)

- Planted and maintained so the drip line at maturity - min 10 feet from structure
- Horizontal distance between crowns of new trees and adjacent trees not less than 10 feet
- Trimmed to minimum 10 feet separation from chimney

