

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Development Standard #6

- I. The Vegetation Management Plan also known as the Fuel Management Plan is required in the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District - High Fire Hazard Area. For the purposes of this standard, the High Fire Hazard Area may be modified from time to time to reflect current conditions affecting the community from the threat of Wildland fires.
- II. The Vegetation Management Plan may also be required in other plan areas of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District if deemed necessary by the Fire Chief or his designee.
- III. The applicant will attach a copy of the landscape plan if different from the fuel management plan.
- IV. Prior to the erection of combustible materials, a vegetation management plan must be submitted and approved by this District. The vegetation management plan shall describe all actions that will be taken to prevent fire from being carried toward or away from structures. The requirements of the vegetation management plan shall be applicable for the life of the development. The plan shall include:
 - a. A copy of the site plan that indicates topographic reference lines.
 - b. The building envelope with all structures and improvements.
 - c. The property line boundaries.
 - d. Designated Fuel Modifications Zones.
 - i. Fire District Access and Egress Route(s) - Vegetation clearance shall be a minimum of 10' from the edge of the approved driving surface & 13'6" height clearance shall be maintained.
 - ii. Zone 1- (Cleared Zone) which is from the structure(s) exterior edge to 30' surrounding the structure(s). Vegetation in this zone is limited to ground covers, green lawns, and a limited number of selected ornamental plants and single specimen trees.
 - iii. Zone II - (Reduced Fuel Zone) which is from 30' to 100' from the structure(s) edge surrounding the structure(s). Vegetation in this zone is characterized by disruption of the vertical and /or horizontal continuity of flammable and combustible vegetation with the goal of reducing the rate of fire spread, and providing a safer environment for firefighters to suppress wildfires.

- iv. Zone III - (Constrained Site Zone) which is from 100' to 200' from the structure(s) edge surrounding the structure(s). It is defined as having slopes greater than 25% and/or having fuel loads in excess of 100 tons per acre. Clearance distance between vegetation will depend on slope, size, type, and fuel compaction and chemical content.
 - e. Methods and timetables for controlling, changing or modifying areas on the property are required.
 - f. Elements of the plan shall include removal of dead vegetation, litter, vegetation that may grow into overhead electrical lines; certain ground fuels, and ladder fuels as well as the thinning of live trees.
- V. A maintenance schedule for the vegetation management plan is required.

Recommended Reading:

Living with Wildfire, A Guide for Homeowners in Santa Barbara County, a pamphlet published by Fire Safe Council and State Farm Insurance, contains useful guidelines.

Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District *High Fire Hazard Area Desirable Plant List* is available on the website, www.carpfire.com.