



WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Vegetation Management

Design/Installation Requirements

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Woodside Fire Protection District Fire Code requires all properties to maintain defensible space and a perimeter property line clearance to prevent the rapid spread of fire.

Defensible Space: *2019 CFC sec.304 and 2018 IWUIC*

Weeds, grass, bushes or other growth that is capable of being ignited and rapidly spreading fires and endangering property, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises. Non fire-resistive vegetation or growth shall be kept clear within the 0-100 ft mark or to the property line of buildings and structures in such a manner to provide a clearance for fire suppression operations. Shrubbery such as vines and large bushes should not be attached to the structure. Trees are allowed within the defensible space zone, provided limbs located less than 6 feet above the ground have been removed. The horizontal distance between crowns of adjacent trees, structures, overhead electrical facilities and unmodified fuel should be no less than 10 feet. Deadwood and litter shall be regularly removed from trees. Ornamental vegetative fuels or cultivated ground cover can be within the designated defensible space provided they do not form a means of transmitting fire from native growth to any structure.

Perimeter Property Line Clearance: 2019 CFC sec.304.1.2.A

Persons owning, controlling or leasing structures and/or property are required to remove (prior to July 1 of every year), a minimum of 50 feet from the perimeter of the property line and 100 feet from any neighboring structure, hazardous vegetation, specifically; flashy fuels consisting of dead weeds, dry annual grasses, dead vegetative material, trees and litter that is capable of being easily ignited and which could endanger property as determined by the Fire Marshal.

Exceptions: Conservation areas, sensitive habitat, marsh land, creek banks and a minimum of 50 feet from any riparian corridor.

Weed Abatement: 2019 CFC sec. 304.1.2.B

Due to heavy growth of fuels, unmaintained lots are a hazard to the surrounding properties and the community. Woodside Fire Protection District shall carry out weed abatement program

activities throughout the territory of the Woodside Fire Protection District. Vacant parcels, without any structures, shall be mowed of flashy fuels, consisting of dead weeds and annual grasses, in their entirety with the exception of conservation areas, sensitive habitat, marsh land, creek banks and a minimum of 50 feet from any riparian corridor, prior to July 1 of every year.

Limited Planting Around Structures: 2019 CFC sec. 304.1.2.D

Due to the combustible nature of structures throughout the territory of the Woodside Fire Protection District, the planting of new landscape vegetation within the 0-5 foot zone, adjacent to wood sided habitable buildings, shall be limited as described in this section. When a habitable building includes wood siding on the first floor, no new landscape vegetation, except groundcover, shall be allowed within 5 feet, in any direction, of any first story window or glass door opening. There is no setback requirement for new landscape vegetation adjacent to non-combustible siding, such as fiber cement board, stone and stucco.

Exceptions: Existing vegetation planted prior to the adoption of this code