



Vegetation Management is controlling plant material to prevent wildfire spread. It requires a constant commitment to follow the 4 R's of Vegetation Management to reduce the threat of a wildfire.



Vegetation Management isn't a one-time fix. It's an ongoing commitment.



Redwood City Fire Department

www.redwoodcity.org

Removal:

- Remove all dead and dying plants within 100 feet of your home
- Identify and remove plants found on Redwood City Department's Fire Prone Plant List

Reduction:

- Prune and thin plants within 100 feet of your home, including your plants within 100 feet of your neighbor's home
- Provide 4 feet vertical separation between shrub tops and lower tree branches to reduce "ladder fuels"
- Use Horizontal Separation Guidelines for plants over 2 feet in height (15 feet minimum or 3 times the tallest plant)
- Keep all shrubs within 10 feet of your home trimmed to 2 feet or lower
- Prune or remove plants near windows
- Remove all tree branches or plants within 10 feet of chimney outlets
- Move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home, or to the property line
- Keep annual grasses and weeds cut to 4 inches or less

Replacement:

- Replace fire-prone plants with fire-resistant and drought tolerant plants. See the Redwood City Fire-Resistant Plants Guide for recommendations
- When putting in new plants, leave enough space for them to grow to mature size

Resistant:

- Use fire-resistant plants whenever possible
- Keep in mind that even plants listed on the Planting Guide must be maintained using Spacing Guidelines for both vertical and horizontal separation. Plant separation is an important part reducing wildfire threat

For more information, please visit the Redwood City website or call (650) 780-7400 to speak with a Fire Prevention Officer.