



**University Glen**

**Landscape Refurbishment Project**

**Phase 2**

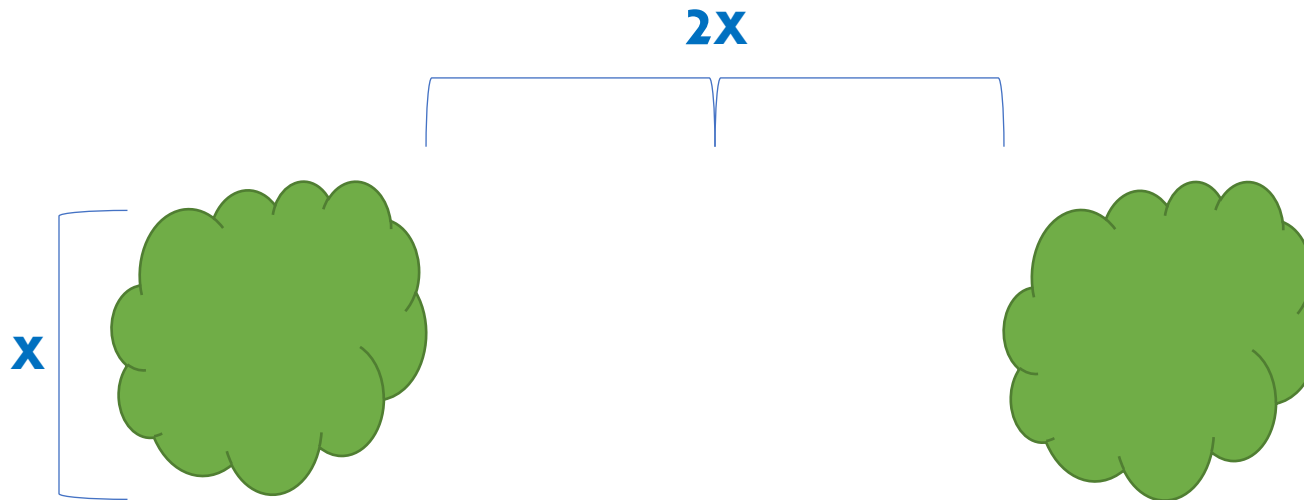
**Plant Palette & Installation Guidelines**

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# Land Application Limitations within Defensible Space of a Structure

## 0-5 Feet

- **“Land application of mulch is prohibited. Non-combustible materials, such as gravel and decomposed granite (DG) must be used”** *(Standard 517: Applications of Mulch and Chips in Defensible Space [Ventura County]).*
- **“Very low growing (3-inch high), high-water-content ground cover and few small shrubs (2 feet high). No landscape mulch or wood chips. Use clear soil, rocks, gravel, or concrete. No trees. This is a recommended no planting zone”** *(Standard 515: Defensible Space and Fuel Modification Zones [Ventura County]).*
- **Recommended spacing between shrubs based on dimensions:**



# Land Application Limitations within Defensible Space of a Structure

## >5- 30 Feet

- **“Limited non-continuous use of organic mulch is allowed. Wood chips are not allowed. Use a mosaic (non-uniform) pattern with a maximum application area of 20 feet x 20 feet and a minimum 5-foot separation between application areas”** *(Standard 517: Applications of Mulch and Chips in Defensible Space [Ventura County]).*
- **“Minimal plantings including ground cover and shrubs. Limited trees of a very fire-resistive type and additional spacing. Trees should be spaced to allow minimum 10-feet of clearance next to a structure”** *(Standard 515: Defensible Space and Fuel Modification Zones [Ventura County]).*

## Tree Guidelines

- **Roof clearance: The vertical clearance distance above any roof shall not be less than 3 feet”** *(Standard 515: Defensible Space and Fuel Modification Zones [Ventura County]).*
- **Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.** *(Recommended by CalFire)*

# 0-5 Foot Defensible Space

**Agave attenuata "Foxtail Agave" (full sun)**



**Liriope/Variegated Dianella "Giant Chain Fern" (sun/part shade)**



**Woodwardia fimbriata**

**"Giant Chain Fern" (shade)**

\*recommended for 0-5, San Mateo County Fire



**Juncus patens "Elk Blue" (shade)**



**Penstemon spectabilis "Showy Penstemon/Beardtongue" (sun/part shade)**  
\*limited height/distance

**Clivia (orange or white, shade to very shady)**



**Aloe striata "Coral Aloe" (full sun)**



# 0-5 Foot Defensible Space Groundcovers

**California Gold** 3/4"



**Mojave Gold** 3/4"



**Exposed dirt is another acceptable option.**



**Senecio "Blue Chalksticks"**

**Extremely fire resistant, this low-maintenance plant works well under larger plantings and helps prevent erosion. It is fast-growing and cold tolerant to 30 degrees.**

**Full to indirect bright light**

**Carex Albula "Frosted Curls" Sedge**



**Ideal in shaded areas**

**Dichondra (part sun/shade)**



**Dymondia Margaretae "Silver Carpet"**

**Full sun, can tolerate some shade**



**If ground cover is >6-18 inches in height, groupings shall not exceed 500 sq. ft. (i.e., star jasmine)**

# 5-30 Foot Defensible Space



**Bird of Paradise**



**Hesperaloe parviflora**  
"Red Yucca" & "Yellow Yucca"



**Kniphofia**  
"Nancy's Red Hot Pokers"

- Drought tolerant once established
- 18-24" tall and wide
- Mostly sun to shade



**Helictotrichon sempervirens**  
"Blue Oat Grass"



**Achillea Moonshine**  
"Moonshine Yarrow"



**Anigozanthos flavidus**  
"Kangaroo Paw"  
(red & yellow)

# 5-30 Foot Defensible Space



**Coleonema  
"Sunset Gold"**

\*limited  
height/distance



**Encelia californica  
"Coast Sunflower"**

\*limited height/distance (10-  
feet)