

## **Fire Protection Landscape Guidelines**

Guidelines for preventing fire risk by keeping brush cleared in canyons.

### **Full Text:**

After meeting with our landscaping company, speaking with the Carlsbad Fire Department and reviewing our landscaping contract to understand the scope of work we pay for, the following guidelines have been proposed (contact information at end):

**Boundary #1** - From the back yard fence to the first sprinkler line (@ 3ft) area should be cleared of *all* brush and ground cover. Email Ingrid to have the landscapers remove any brush/ground cover in that area.

**Boundary #2** - From the top sprinkler line to the bottom sprinkler line area should be cleared of any dead material. Trimming or maintaining living plants this area are not part of our landscaping contract. Email Ingrid to have our landscapers remove any dead brush in that area. NOTE: Brown plants are not always dead. In this area there are natural plants that grow in the winter and are dormant in the summer. These natural plants are there to control soil erosion and are not classified as fuel by Fire Department. The rule of thumb is that if it is green anywhere on the bush it is alive.

**Boundary #3** - Between the bottom line of sprinklers and Canyon. This area is the responsibility of the Carlsbad Fire Department. If you see dead material in this area, you should call them.

This should explain the scope of work we pay our landscapers for and our policies.

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