FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING

PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Preserve and enhance the natural landscape character while protecting your home from wildfire.

Optimal landscaping clearance from structure:
- GRASS - 5’
- SHRUBS - 5’
- TREES - 10’

Optimal placement of vegetation near a structure includes:
- Mow grasses short around trees and shrubs.
- The best tree species to plant generally are those naturally occurring on or near the site.
- Plant low-growing, deciduous shrubs closer to the structure and keep evergreen shrubs farther away and well spaced.
- Plant flowers at least 5 feet away from the structure, ensure they are well irrigated and cut back during the dormant season.
- Keep grass mowed around structure to a maximum of 4 inches. However, avoid mowing ecologically sensitive areas around streams.
- Use gravel or short mowed grass next to the structure.

The suggested plant species within this brochure can thrive in the Vail area under the correct conditions. Consideration should be given to available moisture, sun/shade exposure, wind protection and other factors when developing a planting plan. In addition, some varieties of the suggested shrubs are not hardy at Vail’s elevation. Consult a professional landscape designer or landscape architect for additional information.
5' FROM STRUCTURE

MULCH
• Non-combustible Mulch

GRASS & GROUND COVER
• Well maintained and irrigated lawn
• Perennial Flower Beds
• Perennial Groundcover

SHRUBS
• None Recommended

TREES
• None Recommended

5' - 10' FROM STRUCTURE

MULCH
• Non-combustible Mulch

GRASS & GROUND COVER
• Well maintained and irrigated lawn
• Perennial Flower Beds
• Perennial Groundcover

SHRUBS
• Ninebark Varieties
• Bog Birch
• Rabbit Brush
• Dogwood Varieties
• Cotonouster
• Wax Flower
• Cinquefoil
• Sand Cherry
• Antelope Bitterbrush
• Currant Varieties
• Rose Species
• Raspberry
• Spirea Varieties
• Snowberry
• Lilacs

TREES

10' - 30' FROM STRUCTURE

MULCH
• Non-combustible Mulch
• Screened woodchips or other large organic mulch

GRASS & GROUND COVER
• Well maintained and irrigated lawn
• Native grass cut to 4 inches or less after grass has seeded
• Carpet Bugle
• Nodding Onion
• Iceplant Species
• Kinnikinnick
• Snow-in-Summer
• Creeping Holly
• Creeping Thyme

SHRUBS
• Ninebark Varieties
• Serviceberry
• Bog Birch
• Rabbit Brush
• Dogwood Varieties
• Cotonouster
• Wax Flower
• Cinquefoil
• Sand Cherry
• Antelope Bitterbrush
• Currant Varieties
• Rose Species
• Raspberry
• Spirea Varieties
• Snowberry
• Lilacs
• Juniper Species (planted in clumps and not under tree crowns)
• Mugo Pine

TREES
• Maple Varieties
• Thineal Alder
• River Birch
• Hawthorn Varieties
• Crabapple Varieties
• Lanceleaf Cottonwood
• Narrowleaf Cottonwood
• Quaking Aspen
• Mountain Ash
• White Fir
• Engleman Spruce
• Colorado Blue Spruce
• Bristlecone Pine
• Lodgepole Pine
• Pondarosa Pine
• Limber Pine
• Rocky Mountain Douglas-Fir

30' + FROM STRUCTURE

MULCH
• Non-combustible Mulch
• Screened Woodchips
• Grass and Groundcover
• Native Grass
• Perennial Flower Beds
• Perennial Groundcover
• Kinnikinnick
• Grape Holly

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