Spacing Landscaping Plants for Fire Resistance

**VERTICAL SPACING**

Eliminate opportunities for fire to spread to trees by:

- Removing branches beneath large trees for a 6-foot minimum clearance.
- Create vertical spacing between shrubs and the lowest branches of trees by using the formula shown.

**HORIZONTAL SPACING**

Proper spacing between shrubs and trees is critical to slow the spread of wildfire. The spacing needed is determined by the type and size of the shrubs and trees, as well as the slope of the land. For example, a property on a steep slope with larger plants will require greater spacing between trees and shrubs than a flat property with smaller, sparse vegetation.

**Fire-Safe Landscaping**

Fire-safe landscaping isn’t necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. Fire-safe landscaping uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home.

**Dead Tree Removal**

If you have dead or dying trees on your property the entire tree needs to be removed to reduce wildfire risk. Visit firesafemarin.org or your local planning dept to learn about permit requirements.

Learn more at [www.firesafemarin.org](http://www.firesafemarin.org)