



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.



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TOWN OF VAIL

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.

FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING

PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS



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



TOWN OF VAIL

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



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



5' - 10' FROM STRUCTURE

SHRUBS

(use sparingly)

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

TREES

(Use sparingly between 10' and 30' from structure and no coniferous trees within 15' structure)

- Maple Varieties
- Thinleaf Alder
- River Birch
- Hawthorn Varieties
- Thornless Cockspur
- Flowering Crabapple
- Lanceleaf Cottonwood
- Narrowleaf Cottonwood
- Quaking Aspen
- Mountain Ash
- White Fir
- Ponderosa Pine
- Engleman Spruce
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Bristlecone Pine
- Lodgepole 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

SHRUBS

- Ninebark Varieties
- Serviceberry
- Bog Birch
- Rabbit Brush
- Dogwood Varieties
- Cotoneaster
- Wax Flower
- Cinquefoil
- Sand Cherry
- Native or Shubert Chokecherry
- Elder Varieties
- Antelope Bitterbrush
- Currant Varieties
- Some Rose Species
- Raspberry
- Spirea Varieties
- Snowberry
- Lilacs
- Juniper Species (planted in clumps and not under tree crowns)
- Mugo Pine

TREES

- Maple Varieties
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- River Birch
- Hawthorn Varieties
- Crabapple Varieties
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- Narrowleaf Cottonwood
- Quaking Aspen
- Mountain Ash
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