



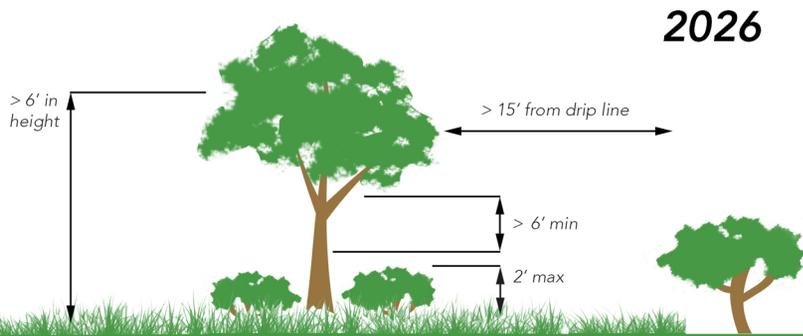
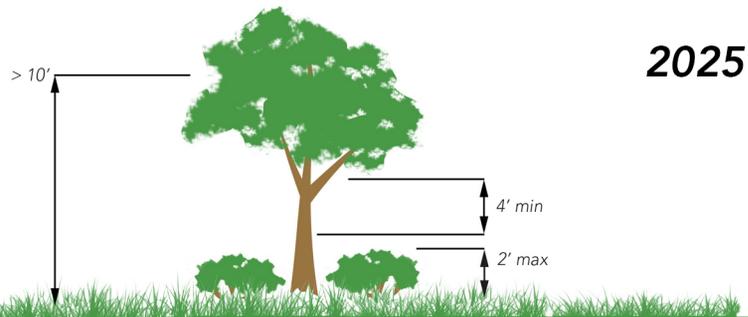
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PLANT SEPARATION



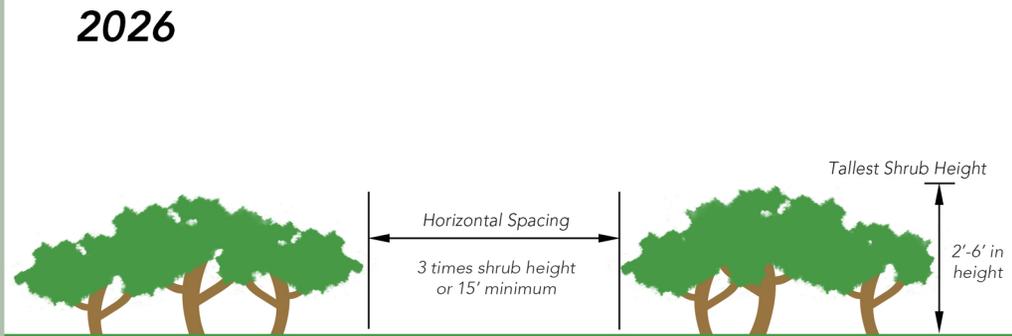
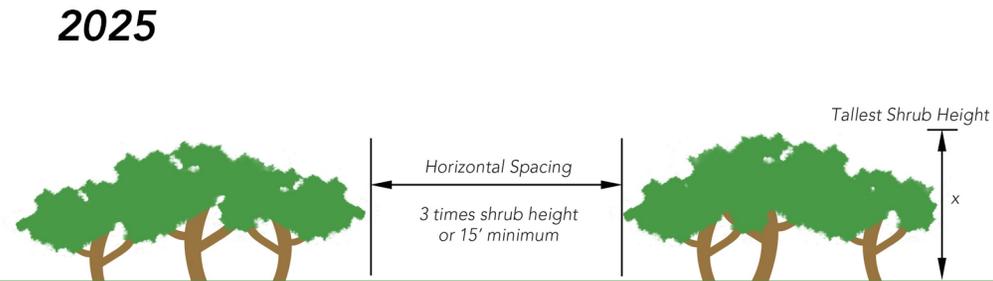
State of California plant separation requirements will become more restrictive starting in January 2026. Please see the diagrams below to compare the 2025 requirements with the 2026 requirements.

VERTICAL SEPARATION



- Trees are any vegetation over 6 feet in height.
- Trees shall have the lowest branch cut a minimum 6 feet from the groundcover below.
- All vegetation under a tree canopy and within 15 feet of the dripline needs to be 2 feet or less.

HORIZONTAL SEPARATION



- Shrubs are any vegetation over 2 feet and less than 6 feet.
- Shrubs need to be separated 3 times the height of the tallest shrub or 15 feet minimum whichever is distance is greater.
- **Slopes greater than 40% (2:1) require horizontal spacing of 6 times the height of the tallest shrub.*

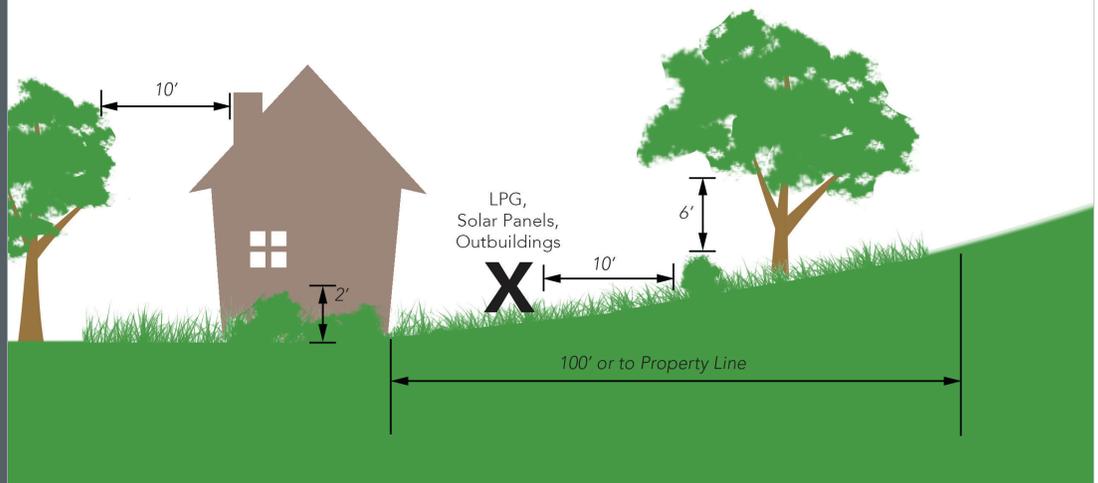
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Consult a geologist prior to beginning maintenance if you have slope stability questions.

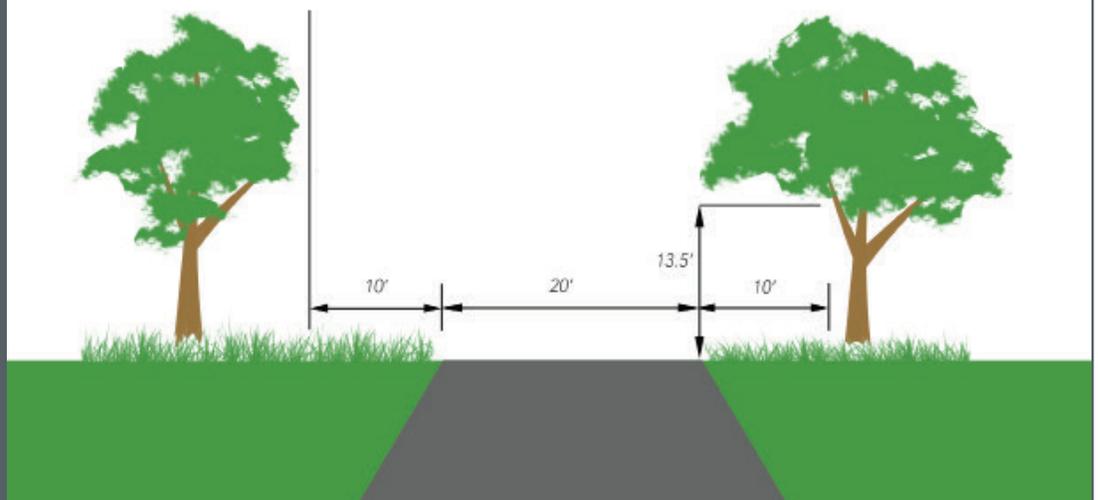
SEPARATION FOR CHIMNEYS, LPG TANKS, SOLAR PANELS, AND OUTBUILDINGS

- Trees need to be at least 10 feet away from chimneys
- LPG tanks, solar panels, and outbuildings need to be at least 10 feet away from surrounding vegetation
- Shrubs next to homes should not exceed 2 feet in height



ROADSIDE CLEARANCE

- 10 feet of Horizontal Clearance is needed from the road to the tree canopy
- 13.5 feet of Vertical Clearance is needed from the road to the tree canopy



For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call [714-573-6774](tel:714-573-6774) to schedule a Wildfire Home Assessment.