



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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## Vegetation Management Recommendations

Date: 6/20/2022

To: Siena Home Owners Association

Siena Community

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Subject: **Wildland Risk Management Assessment**

An assessment was conducted by the Orange County Fire Authority at the above address on June 15, 2022. The following is a provide guidance for vegetation management. Vegetation management is the controlling of plant materials year-round for the prevention of fire spread. This can be accomplished by removing dead and dying fuels, thinning heavy brush, and trimming trees that could contribute to a fire's spread towards your home. The key points are removal, reduction, replacement, and fire-resistant vegetation. The Orange County Fire Authority takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from wildfire. In the event of a major wildfire firefighting resources will be stretched. The following recommendations and utilizing vegetation guidelines are a way to protect and reduce the risk of fire and increase your homes survivability.

### Areas around the Community

1. Remove all dead and dying plants within 100 feet of your home.
2. Reduce and maintain height of plants to 2' within 30' of a home.
3. Create a 4' vertical clearance from any brush below hanging tree limbs.
4. Maintain weeds/annual grasses below 4" or recommend replacing with drought tolerant vegetation/material.

As discussed during the walkthrough, these areas are currently not mapped by CALFIRE as a "Very High" Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ). Which are based on factors such as fuel, slope, and fire weather.

NOTE: Recommend continuing to replace vegetation (Acacia) that is overgrown or dying. Creating a horizontal separation between large trees prevents fire from spreading quickly to the next. Villa Park Landscapers are keeping your community well maintained and continuing the current progress will keep your community in a low/moderate risk. To further reduce risk to individual homes OCFA offers home hardening assessments to homeowners.

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Overall, the community is well maintained and following the Vegetation Management Guideline can help reduce the risk of any fire within the community. You may also visit our website under the SAFETY tab click on [Ready, Set, Go!](#) For additional information. If there are any questions or need more clarification to areas discussed I can be reached by phone or email.

Respectfully,



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