



Conservation Fuel Management

Before and After Examples of Best Management Practices
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Chaparral Fuel Management Standard (cont'd)



Standard achieved through spacing



Standard achieved through plant pruning

Oak/Shrub Woodland Fuel Management Standard

- ❖ Remove ladder fuels
- ❖ More common in new Fuel Management Plans
- ❖ Also common where oaks are young





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Manzanitas



Shrub Spacing

- ❖ Reduces fuel volume, fire intensity
- ❖ Maintains shrub cover
- ❖ Maximum patch size and space between patches are linked to shrub height



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Before



After
trimmed
poison oak
down

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Before



After
Trimmed,
thinned, and
pruned
native plants.

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Shaded fuel break - low growing understory
3" oak leaf mulch (but not near building)**

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Conservation Fuel Management No large expanses of bare soil.

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Conservation Fuel Management Remove genista wherever you find it!

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Genista growing at dripline of oak trees and spreading on hillsides in Tierra Grande. Wherever it is growing, it is a fire and ecological hazard to all living in Tierra Grande, Carmel Valley and beyond.



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Eucalyptus is a high fire hazard and destroys native habitats

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