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SEASONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT: Summer Maintenance Checklist

When the sun is out and warm weather is finally here to stay, the last thing you should worry about is home maintenance. Use our quick summer home maintenance guide to get the hard work out of the way at the beginning of the season. Even if the weather is already pushing 90 degrees, there's no need to worry—most of these tasks are indoors!

- Oil garage-door opener and chain, garage door, and all door hinges.
- Remove lint from inside and outside washer hoses and dryer vents.
- Clean kitchen exhaust fan filter.
- Clean refrigerator and freezer coils and empty and clean drip trays.
- Check dishwasher for leaks.
- Check around kitchen and bathroom cabinets and around toilets for leaks.
- Replace interior and exterior faucet and showerhead washers if needed.
- Seal tile grout.
- Prune trees and shrubs.
- Fertilize your lawn.

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FIRE Resistant Landscaping

A fire-resistant landscape isn't necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. This type of landscape uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire resistant plants are great in San Diego because they are often drought tolerant, too.

The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire resistant. And you will find that a fire-resistant landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

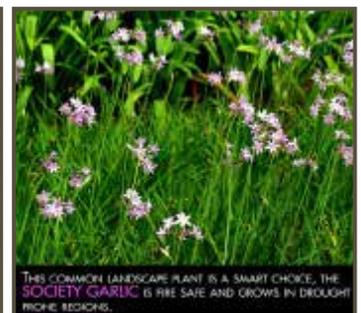
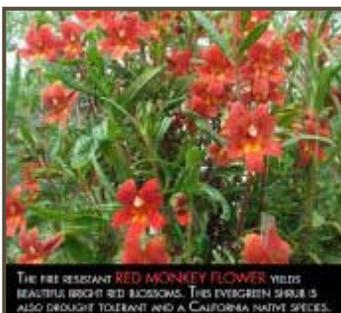
Choose Fire-Resistant Plants and Materials

- Create fire-resistant zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high-moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.
- Choose fire-retardant plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, ice plant and aloe.
- Select fire-resistant shrubs such as hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that are less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.



Check with your local nursery or landscape contractor for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your area.

Find more useful information at <http://www.readyforwildfire.org>



FIRE RESISTANT HOMES



Fire-resistant houses are essential for protecting homes and families against increasing wildfires in San Diego. Vital elements of a fire-resistant home design include passive fire protection with fireproof roofs, windows, door, vents, and exterior walls.

FOX BLOCK WALL SYSTEMS FOR A FIRE-RESISTANT HOME

A crucial component of passive fire protection of a fire-resistant home is the wall system. A superb choice for passive firewall protection is Fox Blocks ICFs. The 6-inch Fox Blocks have an ASTM E119 fire rating of four hours (twice the two-hour requirement), an ASTM E84 reported values for flame speed of less than 25 and smoke development of less than 450.

Along with excellent fire-resistance, Fox Blocks are disaster-resistant, noise reducing, and energy-efficient with an R-value of 23+. Additionally, because Fox Blocks provide a solid continuous monolithic concrete wall with a perm rating of less than 1.0, Fox Blocks control moisture accumulation, which prohibits the growth of mold and mildew.

THE ROOF FOR A FIRE-RESISTANT HOME

The roof of a fire-resistant home must resist catching fire. Roofs are susceptible to fire from wildfires. Constructing a roof with fire-resistant products is a home's best defense against a wildfire.

Class A roof coverings protect against severe fire test exposures and will not slip from a position or produce flying brands. Examples of Class A roof materials are slate, asphalt glass, concrete tiles, clay tiles, and fiber composition shingles.

Using fire and ice ohagin roof vents will keep embers from getting into the attic of your home. To completely get rid of all roof vents and further protect your home you can use spray foam insulation in your attic.

VENTS FOR A FIRE-RESISTANT HOME

Because flames and ashes can enter a home through vents, the design of the vents must resist these intrusions. There are a few methods for protecting vents from flying embers.

Installing vents with baffles such as Brandguard vents at all your gables and eaves vents is an excellent idea. Additionally, you can insulate you attic directly at the sheathing with spray foam insulation completely eliminating the need to ventilate your attic. This means you no longer need eave or roof vents and this completely seals off your attic space from flying embers.



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Jerry and Katie Reid
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