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### Brush Fire Prevention

Even though we've had recent rain, open space is dry. Now is a good time to call Pacific Green Landscape to discuss your property's brush management plan.

The county and cities throughout the San Diego region have ordinances that require residents to keep their property free of fire hazards including vegetation, green waste and trash. Residents can comply with this ordinance by creating a defensible space around their homes and property.

Maintaining a defensible space around your property is essential for protection against fire. To create a defensible space, property owners need to clear combustible vegetation in a 100-foot radius from any structure and keep natural vegetation in the remaining 50 feet of the 100 foot space (the area furthest from your structure). The natural vegetation needs to be thinned and cut back to no more than 6 inches above the ground. Trees that overhang or touch structures need to be trimmed and all dead and dying vegetation needs to be removed.

"Brush management can be tricky as you do not want to completely remove all the vegetation and leave the ground bare or disturb the existing plant root system and create soil erosion," said Mark Mazalewski, Branch Manager for Pacific Green Landscape. "Unfortunately, when the native vegetation is removed for fire control the bare soil is particularly vulnerable to soil erosion. That's why you want to ensure you are working with a company that is experienced with brush management like Pacific Green Landscape."

Also, it is good to have fire-resistant landscape in your defensible space. Pacific Green Landscape knows which plants work best and can help you select the right plants based on budget, appearance and maintenance.

"Not only do we know which plants are most fire-resistant, we can identify those that are the most combustible and make sure you steer clear of them," said Mazalewski. "Additionally, each city, the county and city of San Diego has rules and regulations regarding brush management. At Pacific Green Landscape, we know each area's rules and can ensure that you will get a great defensible space that will not only satisfy the ordinance, but give you peace of mind before the Santa Ana winds start blowing."

Give us a call to help you create a brush management plan. Whether



it is to create a defensible space around your property, recommend or plant fire-resistant landscape or maintain your existing defensible space, Pacific Green Landscape can help you feel safe and secure knowing that you have made the precautions needed to protect your property for a fire.

## Staff Spotlight-Myrna Mclaughlin

- **When did you start at Pacific Green?** I started almost 18 years ago. It's been a great ride seeing the company grow in all aspects.
- **Describe your role at Pacific Green:** I'm proud to be the Human Resources Coordinator for PGL. My role allows me to work with all of the members of our team. There are many challenges, but being in the people business is very rewarding for me.
- **What do you like best about working at Pacific Green Landscaping?** I've loved having an opportunity to meet and work with so many talented people, many of which became good friends over the years. It feels awesome to work in a company where I can contribute daily with my own experience and talents.



## Property ingredients | Company highlights



### Plant Highlight: Anigozanthos (Kangaroo Paw)

The plant grows from short, underground, horizontal rhizomes. The length and the character of these may vary between the species: some are fleshy, others are fragile. The sap in the root system allows the plants to survive extreme dry spells.

The tuberous flower buds are covered with coloured hairs, giving it a velvety aspect. These long furry hairs also determine the colour of the flower, which may range from almost black to yellow, orange and red. Some species are even dichromatic (as *Anigozanthos manglesii*). The tubular form of the flower bud resembles a kangaroo paw, hence its name. The flower tip spreads fan-like into six petals. Full-grown plants can have up to ten flowers at the end of each stalk.



### Happenings at Pacific Green Landscape-Earth Day!

Pacific Green celebrated Earth Day this year by giving away some beautiful plants!

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