

# MEDITERRA COMMUNITY PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

## DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING:

- Replace combustible or meltable soffits and gutters with noncombustible, and non-meltable alternatives.
- Arrange landscaping in separate islands that are divided by at least ten feet of turf or low groundcover.
- Replace “more-flammable” plants such as saw palmetto, wax myrtle, gallberry and pampas grass with “less-flammable” substitutes such as cocoplum, beautyberry, and other appropriate native shrubs and groundcover.
- Substitute pine straw mulch with less flammable options such as stones, decomposed granite, sod or shredded bark, or keep pine straw moist with irrigation.
- Provide 15-foot vegetation clearance around flammable materials such as propane tanks, grills, fire pits, and storage structures.
- Keep area along driveway free of large shrubs and trees to allow access for firefighting equipment.

## MAINTENANCE:

*No maintenance may be conducted within Conservation Area boundary. It is homeowner’s responsibility to confirm property line before performing maintenance activities.*

- Regularly clean gutters to remove pine needles and other flammable debris from roofs and yard.
- Prune tree branches within 15-feet of the house and remove any flammable materials including manmade items, which are in direct contact with the home (**Figures 1 and 2**).
- Irrigate wisely during dry seasons within local water management guidelines.
- When homeowners are leaving for extended periods, store patio furniture inside or remove cushions and other flammable items.



**DON'T:**

**FIGURE 1:** Tree branches too close to roof line



**DO:**

**FIGURE 2:** Open space maintained between Conservation Area and building