

**EXHIBIT E**  
**WYNWARD POINTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**FIREWISE COMMUNITY PRACTICES**

**1) Background:**

When adequately prepared, a house may withstand a major wild fire without the intervention of the fire service. Firewise Communities/USA provides residents living in wild fire prone areas with the knowledge and skill necessary to take action that minimizes home loss due to wild fires. The objectives of the program, which teaches homeowners to prepare for a fire before it occurs, are:

- To protect life and property from a wild fire occurrence,
- To reduce the potential for fire from improved property spreading to wild fire area fuels, and
- To provide a safe working area for fire fighters protecting life and improved property.

On December 12, 2007, Wynward Pointe was recognized as having achieved Firewise Community recognition status.

As part of the ongoing effort by Wynward Pointe to maintain its Firewise Community Status, the following Firewise landscaping information and suggestions are made for new and existing homes and lots.

**2) Definitions:**

*Fuels* are combustible materials within the wild fire area. Fuels include trees, shrubs, plants, grass, rotting wood, leaves, and structures.

*Defensible Space* is the area between improved property and a potential wild fire area.

**3) Wynward Pointe Defensible Space**

In Wynward Pointe, the defensible space area has been defined as 25 feet in all directions around any residential dwelling or to the property line, whichever is less. Within that space, it is suggested that fuels be removed or modified as follows:

- No vegetation or woody growth should be within 5 feet of any structure. Firewise ornamental vegetative fuels or cultivated ground cover such as green grass, ivy, succulents or similar plants are allowed provided they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire to any structure.

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- Existing tree crowns extending to within 10 feet of any structure should be pruned to maintain a minimum horizontal distance of at least 10 feet.
- Trees planted within the defensible space should allow for a distance of more than 10 feet between crowns of adjacent trees.
- Pine or cedar trees should not be planted within 20 feet of any residential dwelling. If possible, any existing pine or cedar trees within 20 feet of any dwelling should be removed.
- Pine needles should not be placed within 5 feet of any structure.

**4) Maintenance of Defensible Space**

The owners of homes in Wynward Pointe are asked to maintain or provide for the maintenance of the defensible space around their home.

- Where any new construction is planned, fuels within the defensible area should be cleared before construction begins.
- All dead trees, shrubs and brush within the defensible space should be removed.
- Vegetation and woody growth should be removed or cut to a height that will preclude its functioning as a ladder for fire to travel from ground vegetation into the tree crown.