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Home, Garden & Outdoors

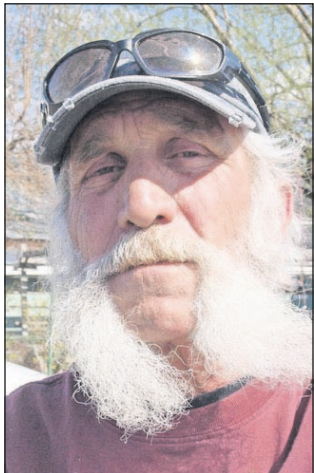
STREET BEAT

What's the most satisfying change you've ever made to your yard?



Bud Sanders
JOSEPH

"I think the beauty of flowers and shrubs that we planted and are cared for by my wife. That adds a lot more beauty than just a good grass lawn."



Bill Moore
ENTERPRISE

"Pruning and limbing trees. They were spruce trees. The limbs are approximately 12 feet above ground now. It brought sunlight down onto the lawn and less needles."



Debbie Otterstein
COVE

"We got rid of our grass. No mowing. It's all green-scape — shrubs, rock and bark. Some more natural landscape."



Betty Butner
ENTERPRISE

"An underground sprinkler system. I never have to drag a hose and sprinkler."



Sally Moser
WALLOWA

"Making a big fence (at a previous home). It lets the deer in because they can jump it, but it keeps the marauding dogs out. So it keeps the deer and cats happy, none of which belong to me."



Carrise Murray
WALLOWA

"I really haven't done much to my yard. The previous owners had done a pretty good job ... I inherited my mom's yard furniture."



Julie Todd
ENTERPRISE

"My rock wall from East Oregon Landscaping. He put up a fabulous wall in my backyard and I love it."



Mike Rowley
ENTERPRISE

"Putting in the borders. And then we brought in a lot of flowers with a lot of different heights and different colors, and then we barked it up."



Ron Wagner
TALENT AND ENTERPRISE

"I learned how to fertilize properly, water properly, and manage it properly. I got a great-looking lawn and it was very satisfying."



Kevin McCadden
ENTERPRISE

"When I took a jungle and turned it into a yard, basically. Out there where we're living now, it was a forest."



Carol Terry
ENTERPRISE

"Probably when we took out the hedges in the front. It really cleaned things up." (Also:) "Just recently I put up a fence so my puppy couldn't get out."



Joan Roundy
JOSEPH

"It would have to be the kids' swing in the apple trees. They spent a lot of hours in the swings ... A swing and an apple tree. You can't get much better than that, can you."

ALERT: Extreme Winter Drought Conditions have Increased Wildfire Danger Statewide.

Protect your property by creating and maintaining defensible space now.

Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it protects your home from catching fire – either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home.



Two zones make up the required 100 feet of defensible space.

Zone 1

- Zone 1 extends 30 feet* out from buildings, structures, decks, etc.
- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Relocate wood piles into Zone 2.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

Zone 2

- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees. (See diagram)
- Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees. (See diagram)
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of 3 inches.



ROSES

How much water?

Roses should receive 1 to 2 inches of water a week – rule of thumb is 2 to 4 times a week for 30 minutes each time. Stick your finger in the soil to check if the root zone is moist after watering.



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