

Bullseye Bulletin

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Vegetation Too Close to House



Having vegetation too close to the house can cause damage to the home and foundation. Damage from vegetation could be minor, like screen damage, or major, with foundation issues. It is good practice to keep vegetation **AT LEAST** one foot from the structure. Below are six reason to keep vegetation away from the home to help protect your investment!

Pest Infestations: Shrubs and branches provide easy bridges for ants, rodents, and termites to access your roof and walls. Dense plants can also conceal termite tubes.

Moisture Damage & Rot: Plants touching your home trap humidity and block airflow, leading to wood rot, mold, and damaged siding.

Foundation Issues: Aggressive tree roots can push into or shift foundation walls, while the roots of thirsty shrubs can pull moisture from the soil, causing it to shrink and crack the foundation.

Roof and Gutter Damage: Overhanging branches scrape roofing shingles, and falling leaves clog gutters, forcing water to overflow and damage the structure.

Fire Hazard: Shrubs and dry vegetation under your eaves or near windows act as fuel that can quickly spread a fire to the house.

Damage to Screens: Wind blowing across window screens can damage screens by putting large holes in the screens that get bigger with time.

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