Vegetation Trimming/Removal

The Glenwild Community Association, and its HOA board of trustees, places great value and pride in the natural landscape within Glenwild. Glenwild's appearance is a true asset of our community, which has purposedly been developed in a way that permits the natural landscape in this part of Utah to remain in place.

1. Glenwild's CC&Rs and Guidelines (Sections 3.34) require the removal of dead trees, branches, and dead undergrowth from properties.
2. In certain pre-approved situations, and as a precaution against wildfire risk, Owners may be allowed to trim and/or remove small amounts of vegetation on their property, including outside of the property's "Building Envelope." It is contemplated, however, that generally no more than 15% of existing trees and vegetation outside of the Building Circle will be approved for removal.
3. Regardless of whether an Owner engages an outside firm to perform the mitigation or performs the work themselves, HOA written pre-approval of the planned scope/approach to such remediation is required. Owners are required to walk the property with the HOA's Property Manager to agree upon the specific scope of such work.
4. The HOA offers the following rules regarding to the thinning of vegetation:
    a. Removal of dead trees, branches and dead vegetation is required.

    b. Thinning of a limited, and approved, amount of ground cover is permitted. Our wildfire mitigation consultant, Alpine Forestry, recommends removing ground cover beneath tree branches.

    c. "Limbing up" of branches closer to the ground can slow the spread of wildfire. For shorter/younger trees, Alpine recommends pruning as much as the lower 25% of the tree (but not more than this, as the tree may not survive). For mature trees, they recommend pruning approximately 4-5 feet from the ground. Alpine notes that limbing up trees on the downhill side is particularly effective, as wildfires generally spread up a hillside.

    d. In no cases is it permissible to "clear cut" areas. Any clear-cutting of vegetation will be subject to significant fines, at the sole discretion of the Board of the HOA.