

# Importance Of Native Vegetation

## NO CLEAR CUTTING



Residents of Cat 7 have chosen to live in this unique area because it preserves the character of the foothills desert in a suburban neighborhood that is close to town. From the inception of the Catalina Foothills Estates, residents have worked diligently to retain this essence.

New residents often remove bursage groundcover, entire prickly pear and cholla plants, and palo verde trees. In doing so, one destroys the fragile character of the desert. Additionally, removal of the native vegetation opens our ecosystem to invasion by many opportunistic non-native plant intruders. If you remove the native vegetation you will battle weeds and other interlopers for decades as a result of your folly!

Often times, new residents hire landscapers to come in to clean their lot. Without close supervision these contractors may "Clear Cut/ Blade Grade" the property within hours- leaving the neighborhood with scar that will take years to revegetate, if ever. Homeowners must make contractors aware of our CC&R's and the difference between 'pruning' and 'removal', and be mutually clear as to which plants may be touched and which must be left alone.

*Our CC&R's state:* " Native group of said property, including Cacti and Palo Verde Trees, shall not be permitted to be destroyed or removed from any of the lots in said property by any of the lot owners, except such native growth as it may be necessary to remove for the construction and maintenance of roads, driveways...."

*We Strongly Advise You To Contact CFE 7 before removing vegetation. 520-323-9299  
We are both the guests and protectors of this beautiful and fragile environment.*