

APPENDIX G: Winter Fencing Policy

Applicability

This Winter Fencing Policy applies to all Lots in all Eagle Ranch Filings.

Guidelines

Abundant wildlife frequents Eagle Ranch during the winter. Winter fencing is necessary to provide protection for our developed landscaping from wintering deer and elk. Winter fencing shall be as aesthetically pleasing as possible and temporary. Welded wire mesh, black poly-deer fence, chicken wire and green plastic construction fencing supported by tree stakes are common and acceptable winter fencing materials. Any other type of winter fencing must be approved by the DRB.

- a. Barbed wire, orange construction fence, “hot-wire” or other types of electric fencing are **not allowed**. There are fence materials that are not very visible and encouraged for use in larger tree groupings. Tenax C-Flex deer fencing in black is a good option.
<https://tenaxfence.com/store/agriculture-aquaculture/deer-fence.html>
- b. Fasteners should match the fence material. Duct tape and other unsightly fasteners are not allowed.
- c. Random horizontal stabilizing elements, such as metal C-channels, are unsightly and therefore should be avoided. Use of more vertical stakes to stabilize the fence is an acceptable alternative.
- d. Fencing should wrap individual trees or enclose landscape beds, unless the landscape beds are large. If a landscape bed is half the length or more of the adjacent property line, the entire bed cannot be fenced; individual trees and plant groupings should be fenced instead. If homeowners wish to fence their entire yard, they must have DRB approval.
- e. Winter fencing and t-posts may be installed after mid- September and shall be taken down mid-May (unless late winter conditions exist). New plantings may be protected year round for the first 2-3 years to establish adequate bark protection. Vegetable gardens may be protected during the summer growing season. Chicken wire or fine wire gauge fencing is appropriate to wrap around tree trunk for year- round protection. (2018)
- f. When not in use, winter fencing materials must be stored in an enclosed structure and not visible from any location off site.
- g. Winter fencing by the use of roped areas is allowed to enclose landscape beds and groups of trees. Entire yards are NOT allowed to be roped. T- posts with two strands of rope are allowed. The top and bottom strand must be the same material and color. (2020)
- h. The use of PVC sleeves set in the ground for winter fence posts is an efficient method to quickly install and remove winter fencing. This system will minimize the puncture of irrigation pipes each season.