

FUEL HAZARD RATING FOR VEGETATION

Examples of low fire hazard vegetation are:

- *Grasses to three feet tall*
- *Blowby leaves*
- *Hardwood swamps*
- *Palmetto or gallberry less than three feet*

Examples of medium fire hazard vegetation are:

- *Cypress swamp*
- *Palmetto or gallberry three to six feet*
- *Grasses over six feet tall*
- *Sand pine scrub less than six feet*
- *Dense pine 20 to 60 feet tall*

High fire hazard vegetation includes:

- *Palmetto or gallberry three to six feet with dense pine over story*
- *Palmetto or gallberry greater than six feet*

Extreme fire hazard vegetation includes:

- *Palmetto or gallberry over 6 feet with dense pine over story*
- *Sand pine scrub with dense pine over story*
- *Dense melaleuca*

Regardless of the vegetation in your area, however, a clearing called a "defensible space" is crucial. Remove dense fuels, and trim overhanging branches to clear a fuel break of at least 30 feet around homes.