

**PGA WEST RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Cactus Policy**

The Association's original landscape design was based on a green oasis concept. However, due to environmental conditions, numerous government mandates, and rising costs for natural resources and materials, the Association encourages water efficient and environmentally responsible landscape designs which maintain the foliage rich ambiance of the community.

This Policy outlines the restriction on the use of cacti and similar 'spiny desert' plants in the landscape at PGA WEST Residential Association Inc. Cacti, certain agaves, and other succulents which may pose a liability to homeowners, pets, and gardeners due to their sharp spines. The Association's main concern is for the safety of its residents and workers.

The Association reserves the right to approve or deny any plant material proposed for the landscape based on its appropriateness for the area (Refer to CC&Rs Article III, Section I, Subsection K) and suggests succulents only be used as accents.

**I. Definition of Cactus**

Any of numerous New World flowering plants of the family Cactaceae, that thrive in warm and arid regions, usually with succulent, leafless stems that may bear spines.

**II. Prohibited Cacti and Succulents**

The following is a list of cacti and other spiny desert plants that are not allowed by the Association. Due to the hundreds of types of cacti, this list is for example only, not a complete list.

**Cacti:**

- Ferocactus (Barrel Cactus)
- Cephalocereus senilis (Bearded Cactus)
- Beaver Tail (Opuntia species)
- Cholla (Cylindropuntia)
- Mexican Fence Post (Lophocereus/Pachycereus marginatus)
- Fish Hook (Ferocactus wislizeni)
- Golden Barrel (Kroenleinia grusonii)
- Hedgehog (Echinocereus engelmannii)
- Organ Pipe (Stenocereus thurberi)
- Saguaro (Carnegiea gigantea)
- Teddy Bear (Cylindropuntia bigelovii)

Many agave and yucca varieties are acceptable; however, some that have sharp tips or that are too large when mature are not. The following are a few examples of those that are not acceptable. These are examples only and not to be considered a complete list.

**Agave:**

- Americana (Century Plant)
- Arizonica (Arizona Agave)
- Tequilana (Blue Agave)
- Filifera (Thread Agave)
- Gigantensis (Lechugilla)
- Havardiana (Havard Agave)
- Macroacantha (Black-spined Agave)

**Yucca:**

- Yucca gloriosa (Spanish Dagger)
- Yucca rostrata (Blue Beaked Yucca)

Ocotillos, Madagascar palms, and similar plants may be considered for use.

**III. Existing Cacti Installed with or without Association Approval**

Any existing cacti and succulents, whether installed with or without Association approval, that meet any of the following criteria may be deemed inappropriate and will be removed at the Association's expense. Homeowners will be notified prior to removal:

- Poses a hazard to homeowners, pets, or workers
- Damages common area components, including roofs, stucco, walkways, and patios
- Is diseased or infested with pests
- Encroaches on surrounding plant material
- Obstructs walkways or protrudes onto patio areas
- Has grown to a height liable to snap off in high wind
- In a courtyard, has grown to a height visible from common areas

**IV. Cactus Installed at Custom Homes**

The Association strongly discourages the use of cacti in custom home landscaping. Existing cacti will be allowed to remain if they do not encroach into common area and/or neighboring properties.

**V. Approval Requirement**

Under all circumstances, approval by the Association is required prior to installing new plant material or modifying the landscaping in exclusive use, limited, or common areas. Please visit our website at [PGA.WEST.org](http://PGA.WEST.org) or contact the office for a Landscape Variance Request form if you are considering changing the landscape.

# EXAMPLES OF SUCCULENTS NOT APPROVED BY THE HOA



BEARDED

## CACTI



HEDGEHOG



Beaver Tail (Opuntia)



TEDDY BEAR CHOLLA



FISH HOOK



BARREL



GOLDEN BARREL



FENCE POST



SAGUARO



ORGAN PIPE

## YUCCA



YUCCA ROSTRATA

## AGAVE



BLUE AGAVE



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GIGANTENSIS