Did you know you can actually reinforce your home’s security by properly landscaping? CPTED, or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, is a law enforcement science that allows you to fortify your property via smart landscaping techniques.

**Techniques for CPTED:**

- Trim trees and shrubs so windows and doors are visible to neighbors and at curbside.
- Bushes within 4 feet of driveways, walkways, doors, or gates should be kept at max height of 2 feet.
- Ground plants located near windows should be trimmed to a height below windows.
- Trim trees so lower branches are more than 6 feet off of the ground.
- Use large gravel under ground-level and basement windows as a noisy prowler deterrent.
- Plant sticky, thorny plants in areas that need a natural barrier such as ground-level windows.

**Plants for CPTED:**

- **Ground covers/low growing plants:** Herbs, Succulents, Mugo Pines, Pyracanthas, Chollas, or Cacti.
- **Bushes/Shrubs:** Barberries, Roses, Hawthorns, Yuccas, Currants, or Hollies.
- **Trees:** Cedars, Conifers, Locusts, Aspens, or Cottonwoods.

For more specific recommendations for our Northwestern Arizona climate, governmental zones 2 and 3, please refer to [www.ag.arizona.edu](http://www.ag.arizona.edu) or [www.prescott-az.gov/police/Community Services/CPTED](http://www.prescott-az.gov/police/Community Services/CPTED)