

D. Siting and Design of Structures

1. Maintain the visual integrity of ridge lines and hilltops by keeping roof-tops and other construction below the ridge line and at least 10 feet below the average height of trees on wooded ridges or hilltops.
2. Grading and earth removal should be executed so that contours of the land are the same as those previously existing on the site and adjacent to it.
3. In open land, site houses behind fields against the background of adjoining woodlands.
4. Site all structures to minimize visibility from roads, water bodies, and neighboring properties. Take care not to block neighbors' views.
5. Design structures that harmonize with the landscape and are compatible with the scale and character of existing Chilmark architecture.
6. Use materials, textures and colors which are typical of Chilmark's architectural traditions.
7. Place all wiring and appurtenances of electric power, communications and fire alarm systems under-ground.
8. Preserve visibility of the night sky by shielding all external lights (see Article 5 in Zoning Bylaws).

Chilmark's Zoning Bylaws are available at the Town Hall, the Chilmark Library and on the Internet at www.ci.chilmark.ma.us.