

Firewise Recommended Plants

Although there are no fireproof plant materials, the following is a list of some fire-resistant plants recommended for landscaping in high-risk fire areas. It should be pointed out that landscape maintenance is far more important to fire prevention than the selection of plant materials. When planning your landscape, consider the characteristics of the site such as slope and the amount of precipitation your site receives in making the final plant selection. When in doubt, ask your local nursery for a recommendation.

| Latin Name | Common Name |
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| TREES (Valued natives) | |
| <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> | Big Leaf Maple |
| <i>Alnus rhombifolia</i> | White Alder |
| <i>Cornus nuttalli</i> | Pacific Dogwood |
| <i>Platanus racemosa</i> | Oaks |
| <i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> | Coast Redwood |
| <i>Quercus</i> spp. | Oak |
| Ornamental Garden Trees | |
| <i>Acer</i> spp. | Maple |
| <i>Arbutus unedo</i> | Strawberry Bush |
| <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> | Western Redbud |
| <i>Cercocarpus betuloides</i> | Mountain Ironwood |
| <i>Citrus</i> spp. | Citrus |
| <i>Fagus</i> spp. | Beech |
| <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> | Pineapple Guava |
| <i>Fraxinus</i> spp | Ash |
| <i>Gleditsia tricanthos</i> | Honey Locust |
| <i>Macadamia</i> hybrids | Macadamia Nut |
| <i>Metrosideros excelsus</i> | New Zealand Xmas |
| <i>Myoporum</i> spp. | Myoporum |
| <i>Pistacia chinensis</i> | Chinese Pistache |
| <i>Pittosporum</i> spp. | Mock Orange |

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| Rhus lancea | African Sumac |
| Robinia pseudoacacia | Locust, Black |
| Schinus molle | California Pepper |
| Schinus terebinthifolius | Brazilian Pepper |
| SHRUBS (Native Wildland Plants) | |
| Punus lyonii | Catalina Cherry |
| Ceanothus (some) | spp. Wild Lilac |
| Dendromecon rigida | Bush Poppy |
| Garrya app. | Silk Tassel |
| Heteromeles arbutifolia | Toyon, Christmas Berry |
| Solanum umbellifeum | Nightshade, Blue Watch |
| Rhamnus spp. | Buckthorn/Coffeeberry |
| Rhus integrifolia | Lemonade Berry |
| Ribes sanguineum | Red Flower Currant |
| Carpenteria californica | Bush Anemone |
| Lavatera assurgentiflora | Malva Rose |
| Mahonia repens | Creeping Mahonia |
| Domestic Garden Shrubs | |
| Brugmansia spp. | Angel's Trumpet |
| Buddleia spp. | Butterfly Bush |
| Convolvulus cneorum | Bush Morning Glory |
| Cotoneaster congestus | Likiano |
| Cotoneaster horizontalis | Rock Cotoneaster |
| Cotoneaster microphyllus | Rockspray Cotoneaster |
| Cotoneaster dammeri | Bearberry Cotoneaster |
| Echium spp. | Echium or Priedrot |
| Escallonia spp. | Escallonia |

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| Ligustrum japonicum | Japanese Privet |
| Ligustrum lucidum | Glossy Privet |
| Ligustrum texanum | Texas Privet |
| Nerium oleander | Oleander |
| Nolina spp. | Nolina (related to Yucca) |
| Pittosoum crassifolium | Dwarf Karo |
| Osteospermum fruiticosum | Trailing African Daisy |
| Pyracantha | “Santa Cruz” Firethorn |
| Thymus praecox arcticus | Creeping Thyme |
| Vinca spp.* | Periwinkle |
| *Not recommended for riparian (river) areas | |
| Pittosporum tobira | Mock Orange |
| Punica granatum | Pomegranate |
| Rhaphiolepis spp. | India Hawthorn |
| Rhamnus alaterus | Italian Buckthorn |
| Rhododendron (Azalea spp.) | Rhododendrons & Azaleas |
| Simmondsia chinensis | Jojoba |
| Trachelospermum jasminoides | Star Jasmine |
| Yucca spp | Yucca |
| PERENNIALS | |
| Achillea spp. | Yarrow |
| Agapanthus spp. | Lily of the Nile |
| Bergenia spp. | Bergenia |
| Centaurea cineraria | Dusty Miller |
| Centranthus ruber | Red Valerian |
| Coreopsis spp. | Coreopsis |

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| Dietes bicolor | African Iris |
| Dietes vegeta | Fortnight Lily |
| Erigeron karvinskianus | Mexican Daisy |
| Geranium spp. | Geranium |
| Hemerocallis hybrids | Daylily |
| Hesperaloe | Red Yucca |
| Heuchera parviflora | Island Alum Root |
| Iris spp. | Iris |
| Kniphofia | Red Hot Poker |
| Lantana montevidensis | Lantana |
| Lavandula perezii | Sea Lavender |
| Mimulus spp. | Monkey Flower |
| Sisyrinchium spp. | Blue-Eyed Grasses |
| Stachys byzantina | Lamb's Ear |
| Strelitzia reginae | Bird of Paradise |
| Tulbaghia violacea | Society Garlic |
| Zantedeschia aethiopica | Common Calla |
| Zauschneria californica | California Fuchsia |
| GROUND COVERS | |
| Succulents | |
| Delosperma | "Alba" White Trailing Iceplant |
| Echeveria spp. | Hens & Chicks |
| Sedum confusum | Stonecrop |
| Non-Succulents | |
| Achillea tomentosa | Woolly Yarrow |
| Ajuga reptans | Carpet Bugle |
| Armeria maritime | Common Thrift |

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| Coprosma kirkii | Creeping Coprosma |
| Duchesnea indica | Mock Strawberry |
| Festuca rubra | Creeping Red fescue |
| Liriope gigantean | Giant Turf Lily |
| Myoporum parvifolium | Myoporum |

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