



Firewise Plant Material Guide

Prepared by Sonoma County Fire District Fire Prevention Division
Guidance for wildfire-resilient landscaping in Sonoma County

Important Disclaimer: There are no completely fireproof plants. Landscape maintenance, plant spacing, irrigation, removal of dead vegetation, and defensible space practices are more important than plant selection alone. This guide is intended as an resource to assist property owners in selecting lower-flammability landscape materials appropriate for Sonoma County.

Recommended Firewise Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name
Acer macrophyllum	Big Leaf Maple
Alnus rhombifolia	White Alder
Cornus nuttalli	Pacific Dogwood
Platanus racemosa	Sycamore
Quercus spp.	Oak
Sequoia sempervirens	Coast Redwood
Acer spp.	Maple
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud
Citrus spp.	Citrus

Recommended Firewise Shrubs

Botanical Name	Common Name
Carpenteria californica	Bush Anemone
Ceanothus spp.	Wild Lilac
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon
Rhamnus spp.	Buckthorn/Coffeeberry
Buddleia spp.	Butterfly Bush
Escallonia spp.	Escallonia
Pittosporum tobira	Mock Orange

Punica granatum	Pomegranate
Raphiolepis spp.	India Hawthorn
Yucca spp.	Yucca

Recommended Firewise Perennials

Botanical Name	Common Name
Achillea spp.	Yarrow
Agapanthus spp.	Lily of the Nile
Coreopsis spp.	Coreopsis
Dietes bicolor	African Iris
Geranium spp.	Geranium
Iris spp.	Iris
Lavandula spp.	Lavender
Stachys byzantina	Lamb's Ear
Tulbaghia violacea	Society Garlic
Zauschneria californica	California Fuchsia

Recommended Firewise Ground Covers

Botanical Name	Common Name
Delosperma 'Alba'	White Trailing Iceplant
Echeveria spp.	Hens & Chicks
Sedum confusum	Stonecrop
Ajuga reptans	Carpet Bugle
Festuca rubra	Creeping Red Fescue
Liriope gigantea	Giant Turf Lily
Myoporum parvifolium	Myoporum

General Firewise Landscaping Principles

- **Maintain adequate spacing between shrubs and trees.**
- **Remove dead vegetation, pine needles, and leaf litter routinely.**
- **Keep the first 30 feet around structures lean, clean, and green.**
- **Minimize use of highly resinous or oily plants near structures.**
- **Irrigate and maintain landscaping regularly during fire season.**
- **Avoid the use of combustible mulch, plants, trees and shrubs within 5' of structures - Zone 0**