

Central Oregon Highly Flammable Plant List:

PLANTS THAT WILL IGNITE QUICKLY AND BURN READILY

When living in a Wildfire Hazard Zone, it is recommended that new plantings of these species NOT be used within 5 ft of any structures, fenced outbuildings or decks. This list is NOT all-inclusive as other plants with similar characteristics, such as: low moisture, dry limbs and needles and abundant oils are potentially hazardous. Plant smart and use fire-resistant vegetation to create defensible space around all structures.

TREES

Acacia (*Acacia* sp.)

Arborvitae (*Thuja* sp.)

Cedar (*Cedrus* sp.)

Cedar/Cypress (*Chamaecyparis* sp.)

Cypress (*Cupressus* sp.)

Douglas Fir* (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

Fir* (*Abies* sp.)

Hemlock* (*Tsuga* sp.)

Juniper* (*Juniperus* sp.)

Pine* (*Pinus* sp.)

Sequoia (*Sequoia* sp.)

Spruce (*Picea* sp.)

Yew (*Taxus* sp.)

* When mature and properly limbed, these species are appropriate 5-30 feet from a structure limited to small clusters with adequate spacing.

SHRUBS

Arborvitae (*Thuja* sp.)

Bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*)

Deer Brush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*)

Juniper (*Juniperus* sp.)

Manzanita* (*Arctostaphylos* sp.) *except for Kinnikinnick

Rosemary* (*Rosmarinus* sp.) *except for 'Prostratus'

Sagebrush (*Artemisia* sp.)

Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)

GRASSES AND GROUND COVER

Dry annual grasses (*Cheatgrass*) - **Bark mulch** - **Pampas grass** (*Cortaderia selloana*)

Remember, there are **NO fire-proof plants**, but some are more fire-resistant than others. Fire-resistant plants have the following characteristics:

- Are less flammable and likely to ignite in a wildfire
- Are low growing or a small species
- Easy to maintain and prune
- Have an open, loose branching pattern
- Burn less intensely when ignited, and spread the fire slower
- Have high moisture content; succulent plants
- Have stems or leaves that are not resinous, oily or waxy
- Have less accumulated debris and fewer dead branches
- Are drought resistant, requiring less irrigation

