

# Plants for a Fire-resistant Landscape

*Plants with these characteristics are more resistant to fire:*

- Moist & supple leaves
- Tend not to accumulate dry, dead material within plant
- Sap is water-like and does not have a strong odor
- Sap or resin materials are low
- Influenced by plant age, moisture content, total volume

## Fire resistant groundcovers

- Bugleweed (ajuga)
- Creeping thyme or phlox
- Wild Strawberry
- Snow-in-summer
- Sedums
- Hens & Chicks
- Vinca
- California Fuchsia

## Fire resistant flowers

- Yarrow
- Allium
- Columbines
- Coreopsis
- Delphinium
- Gaillardia
- Daylily
- Iris
- Lavender
- Echinacea
- Lupine
- Poppies
- Penstemon
- Salvia
- Lamb's Ear
- Evening Primrose
- Hosta
- Coralbells
- Dusty Miller
- Tulips/bulbs

## Fire resistant Trees\*

- Fruit Trees
- Maple
- Oak
- Catalpa
- Ash
- Sweetgum
- Locust
- Hackberry
- Smoke Tree
- Redbud

\*chose deciduous trees rather than conifers



*These are the characteristics of highly flammable plants:*

- They contain fine, dry or dead material
- Contain volatile waxes, terpenes or oils
- Have aromatic leaves
- Loose or papery bark
- Sap is gummy, resinous

## Examples of Flammable Plants

- Artemisia
- Incense cedar
- Broom
- Juniper
- Pine
- Arborvitae
- Bay
- Douglas Fir
- Manzanita
- CA buckwheat
- Rosemary
- dry annual grasses

Avoid planting flammable plants adjacent to your house or other structures.

Fire-resistant plants are not fire-proof! Make sure you determine your DEFENSIBLE SPACE. Remove DEAD or DYING vegetation. Break up CONTINUOUS vegetation. Eliminate LADDER FUELS. Keep up with regular MAINTENANCE.

For more information, check out **Landscaping Tips to Help Defend Your Home From Wildfire** at <http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/docs/CeMasterGardener8322.pdf> or the Landscaping Plant Guide for Lassen County and Northeastern California at <http://www.lassenfiresafecouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Lassen-Fire-Safe-Council-NECal-LandscapePlantGuide.pdf>