NOTES

All plant material should have a minimum of seasonal maintenance to remove dead or diseased plant material.

Characteristics of highly flammable plants include: Dry, dead leaves, twigs or litter, high oil or resin including gums or terpenes & foliage with low moisture content.

Supplemental irrigation (even for drought tolerant plants) is necessary to keep adequate moisture levels in our Rogue Valley climate. In times of drought give preference to irrigating trees and shrubs over lawn and perennials.

OTHER RESOURCES

Waterwise Ashland
www.ashlandsaveswater.org

OSU Extension Service
www.ashland.or.us/privacyscreening

Ashland - Bee City USA
www.ashland.or.us/beecity

Looking for more information?
www.ashlandfirewise.org

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Interested in a FREE Firewise Home Assessment?
Call 541-482-2770
Did You Know?
Fire science indicates that the first 5 feet around structures should be free from all combustible material, including flammable vegetation and bark mulch.

FIREWISE PLANTS

Plants typically have high moisture content, are low growing and deciduous or broadleaf evergreen.

EVERGREEN SHRUBS:
- Mexican Orange,Choisya spp.
- Boxwood, Buxus sempervirens
- Rhododendron, Rhododendron spp.
- Camellia, Camellia sinensis
- Distylium, Distylium spp.
- Portuguese Laurel, Prunus luisitana
- Silverberry, Elaeagnus spp.
- Coffeeberry, Rhamnus spp.
- Abelia, Abelia spp.
- Holly, Ilex spp.
- Silk tassel, Garrya eliptica
- Strawberry Tree, Arbutus unedo

DECIDUOUS TREES:
- Chaste tree, Vitex agnus-castus
- Persian ironwood, Parrotia persica
- Oak, Quercus spp.
- Maple, Acer spp.

DECIDUOUS SMALL TREES & SHRUBS:
- Azalea, Rhododendron spp.
- Hydrangea, Hydrangea spp.
- Japanese Maple, Acer palmatum
- Ninebark, Physocarpus spp.
- Currant, Ribes spp.
- Serviceberry, Amelanchier spp.
- Elderberry, Sambucus spp.
- Pieris, Japonica spp.
- Spirea, Spiraea thunbergii
- Crepe Myrtle, Lagerstroemia spp.
- Daphne, Daphne spp.
- Mock Orange, Philadelphus spp.
- Snowberry, Symphoricarpos spp.
- Cornelian Cherry, Cornus mas
- Tree Peony, Paeonia suffruticosa
- Redbud, Cercis spp.
- Fruit Trees
- Dogwood, Cornus spp.
- Hornbeam, Carpinus spp.

PROHIBITED FLAMMABLE PLANTS

Not to be used within 30' of any structure, including outbuildings and decks (AMC 9.04). Avoid mass planting.

Prohibited Trees
- Arborvitae/Redcedar, Thuja spp.
- *Cedar, Cedrus spp.
- *Cedar/Cypress, Chamaecyparis spp.
- *Cypress, Cupressus spp.
- Douglas-fir, Pseudotsuga menziesii
- Fir, Abies spp.
- *Hemlock, Tsuga spp.
- Incense Cedar, Calocedrus decurrens or Libocedrus decurrens
- *Juniper, Juniperus spp.
- *Pine, Pinus spp.
- Giant Sequoia, Sequoiadendron spp.
- Coast Redwood, Sequoia spp.
- *Spruce, Picea spp.
- *Yew, Taxus spp.
- *Exceptions may be granted for dwarf or prostrate varieties of these species planted beyond 5 feet from any structure, and that follow tree or shrub spacing guidelines as defined in the General Fuel Modification Area Standards in AMC 18.3.10.100.

Prohibited Shrubs
- Bitterbrush, Purshia tridentata
- Broom, Cythrus spp.
- *Ceanothus, Ceanothus spp.
- Himalayan Blackberry, Rubus armeniacus
- Juniper, Juniperus spp.
- *Lavender, Lavandula spp.
- *Manzanita, Arctostaphylos spp.
- *Oregon grape, Mahonia aquifolium
- *Rosemary, Rosmarinus spp.
- Sagebrush, Artemisia tridentata or calafomica spp.

Prohibited Grasses
- Pampas grass, Cortaderia selloana

Plant Icon Key
- Drought Tolerant
- Pollinator Plants
- These Plants May Require Deer Protection

Planting Distances
Use this chart to plan your firewise landscaping.

Firewise plants may be planted within 5 feet of a building. Prohibited flammable plants must be planted a minimum of 30’ from any structure.

Prior to planting check with your local fire department for local restrictions.

PLANTS TO USE WITH CAUTION

These plants require more annual maintenance to remove dead leaves and branches. Use caution and plant outside of 5’ of buildings.

EVERGREEN SHRUBS:
- Japanese Plum Yew, Cephalotaxus spp.
- Bottlebrush, Callistemon spp.
- Rockrose, Cistus spp.

GROUNDCOVERS:
- Creeping Thyme, Thymus spp.
- Creeping Oregon Grape, Mahonia repens
- Creeping Strawberry, Fragaria spp.
- Kinnickinnick, Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
- Phlox, Phlox subulata
- Sweet Woodruff, Galium odoratum
- Rosemary ground cover, Rosmarinus prostratus

This list is not exhaustive! Ornamental grasses and herbaceous perennials offer color, and texture, attract beneficials and are typically suitable for Firewise plantings. Additional Firewise plant resources can be found on the back of this pamphlet or your local nursery.