

## **FIREWISE PLANTS**

*Plants typically have high moisture content, are low growing and are deciduous or broadleaf evergreens.*  
([www.ashlandfirewise.org](http://www.ashlandfirewise.org))



Contact Ashland Firewise at 541-552-2231 for specific guidelines and recommendations.



### **EVERGREEN SHRUBS:**

Mexican Orange, *Choisya sp.*  
Boxwood, *Buxus sempervirens*  
Rhododendron, *Rhododendron sp.*  
Camellia, *Camellia sinensis*  
Distylium, *Distylium sp.*  
Portuguese Laurel, *Prunus luisitanica*  
Silverberry, *Eleagnus sp.*  
Coffeeferry, *Rhamnus sp.*  
Abelia, *Abelia sp.*  
Holly, *Ilex sp.*  
Silk tassel, *Garrya elliptica*  
Strawberry Tree, *Arbutus unedo*

### **DECIDUOUS SMALL TREES & SHRUBS:**

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

### **DECIDUOUS TREES:**

Chaste tree, *Vitex agnus-castus*  
Persian ironwood, *Parrotia persica*  
Oak, *Quercus sp.*  
Maple, *Acer sp.*

## **PLANTS TO USE WITH CAUTION**

*These plants require more annual maintenance to remove dead leaves and branches. Use caution and plant outside of 5 feet from structures.*

### **EVERGREEN SHRUBS:**

Cedar (dwarf), *Cedrus sp.*  
Pine (dwarf), *Pinus mugo*  
Japanese Plum Yew, *Cephalotaxus sp.*  
Oregon grape, *Mahonia sp.*  
Rosemary, *Rosmarinus sp.*  
Bottlebrush, *Callistemon sp.*  
Rockrose, *Cistus prostrates*

### **GROUNDCOVERS:**

Creeping Thyme  
Creeping Oregon Grape, *Mahonia repens*  
Creeping Strawberry  
Kinnickinnick, *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
Phlox, *Phlox subulata*  
Sweet Woodruff, *Galium odoratum*  
Rosemary ground cover, *Rosmarinus prostrates*

### **GRASS:**

Bamboo, *Bambusoideae pyhlostachys or fargesia*

## **Did You Know?**

Fire science indicates that the first 5 feet around structures should be free from all combustible material, including flammable vegetation, bark mulch and fence connections.



Fence connections to a structure shall be non-combustible within 5 feet per AMC 18.4.4.060.B.8.

*Firewise plants may be planted within 5 feet of a building.*

*Flammable plants must be planted a minimum of 30 feet away from any structure.*

# **PROHIBITED FLAMMABLE PLANTS**

Not to be used within 30-feet of any structure, including outbuildings and decks (AMC 9.04).  
Avoid mass planting.  
([www.ashland.or.us/prohibitedplants](http://www.ashland.or.us/prohibitedplants))

## **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.*

## **PROHIBITED SHRUBS:**

- Bitterbrush, *Purshia tridentata*
- Broom, *Cytisus 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 tridentate* or *californica spp.*

## **PROHIBITED GRASSES:**

- Pampas grass, *Cortaderia selloana*

\*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.

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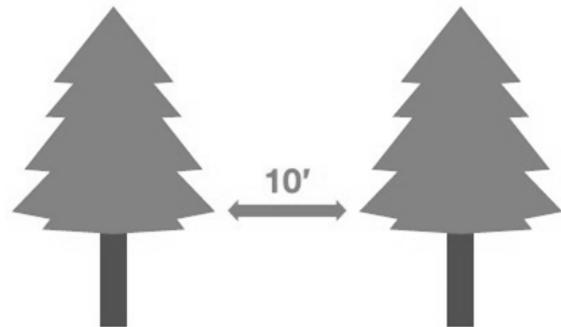
Contact Ashland Weed Abatement at 541-552-2246 to report complaints of new plantings of Prohibited Flammable Plants within 30 feet of structures.

## **FLAMMABLE TREE & SHRUB** **MINIMUM SPACING GUIDELINE BASICS**

(See General Fuel Modification Area Standards in AMC 18.3.10.100 for full details)



**Shrubs** on the prohibited flammable plant list must be spaced 2x the height of the shrub at maturity.



**Trees** on the prohibited flammable plant list must have at least 10 foot spacing between canopies.

### **Minimum Vertical Clearance**

3 x the height of the shrub to the lowest branches of the tree

