

GENERAL FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS

Although no plant is 100% fire-proof, these plants are less likely to burn. Several are already listed for Zones 1 and 2.

Bulbs (tulips, daffodils, iris, hyacinth, freesia, etc. Cut stalks to the ground when leaves are dry)

California redbud	Yellow or Purple	Evening primrose	Locust
Sage	Ice Plant	Daphne	Fruit Trees (varieties of cherry, plum, pear, peach, apricot, pomegranate, fig)
Penstemon	Creeping Phlox	Boxwood	Black Oak
Heather	Lamium	Rhododendron	Hawthorne
Fuchsia	Sedum	Spirea	Birch
Columbine	Succulents	Dogwood	Aspen
Thyme	Veronica	Mock orange	Poplar
Poppy	Armeria	Azalea	Maple
Wild strawberry	Agapanthus	Currant	Manzanita (prune without deadwood)
Common yarrow	Trumpet Vine	Viburnum	Walnut
French lavender	Daylily	Aloe	California Bay
Lantana	Heuchera	Primrose	Laurel
Lilac	Hosta	Candytuft	California Pepper
Coreopsis	Red-Hot Poker	African Daisy	
Ajuga	Lupine	Calendula	
California lilac	Delphinium	TREES:	
Society garlic	Echinacea	Horse Chestnut	
Jasmine	Lamb's ear	Liquid Amber	
Periwinkle	Yucca	Honey Locust	
Alliums	Rose	Crabapple	
Dianthus	Salvia	Purple Robe	

Remember that deciduous plants are less flammable than evergreen. Gray and silver plants have a high mineral and ash content which makes them more fire-resistant. Vegetation with needles or fine, thin leaves is flammable. The more stored moisture a plant has, the more it can withstand a fire. Use less-flammable types of mulch, such as gravel or decorative rock, or a combination of wood bark mulch and decorative rock to dress your garden, retain moisture, and deter weed growth.

To burn, fires need fuel. By removing debris, planting and maintaining a fire-retardant and fire-resistant landscape, cutting down dead trees, thinning dried branches, spacing, pruning, watering, and keeping trees away from roofs, you will diminish the chance of ignition, lower fire intensity, and reduce the spread of a blaze. Your home will have a better chance of surviving a wildfire.

Best of all, you can still create a gorgeous oasis where you can entertain, relax, and socialize.

Firewise volunteers are available to offer advice in neighborhoods. The Orinda Firewise Council supports and educates the public about wildfire resilience. They are seeking landscapers and nurseries to assist with communicating ways in which homeowners can become more wildfire safe by making their property more fire-resistant. To work together with them to empower and beautify the community, go to <https://www.orindafirewisecouncil.org/contact-us>
Website: <https://www.orindafirewisecouncil.org>

You don't want fires to crawl fueled by unkempt low-lying vegetation, high grasses, or mounds of leaves. Get out the weed whackers and go to work. Be fire safe and enjoy a wonderful summer.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Congratulations to the graduates and Happy Father's Day to all the great dads.

Links to Lamorinda Weekly "Go Bag" and "Firewise Landscaping" stories:

www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1507/Packing-an-emergency-Go-Bag.html

www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1507/Digging-Deep-with-Goddess-Gardener-Cynthia-Brian-Wildfire-protection-through-landscaping.html



Prune all trees to prevent fire-laddering.



A beautiful arbor of wisteria, roses, and scarlet trumpet vine, all fire-resistant botanicals.