

A Few Fire Resistant Plants

Nobody can guarantee that your garden and home are resistant to the ravages of a wild fire. With a little planning and some hard work, you can greatly reduce your odds of fire damage. If you are installing a new landscape or remodeling an old garden, you might consider some of the following plants. Just remember, there are no fire proof plants, just plants that are fire resistant. Our experienced nursery persons can help you with your selections or questions.

Ground covers for slopes and banks

Botanical name	Common name	Height-Spread rate	Exposure
Ajuga reptans	Carpet bugle weed	4 - 12 inches tall – rapid	Part shade where hot
Aptenia cordifolium	Ice plant	10 - 16 inches tall – moderate	Sun
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Manzanita	12 inches tall – moderate	Sun
Arctotheca calendula	Cape weed	3-10 inches tall – invasive	Full Sun
Baccharis pilularis ‘T. peaks’	Dwf. Coyote brush	18-24 inches tall – fast	Sun
Drosanthemum floribundum	Ice plant	6-8 inches tall – moderate	Sun
Fragaria chiloensis	Ornamental strawberry	4-12 inches tall – rapid	Sun to part shade
Gazania rigens leucolaena	Trailing gazania	6-10 inches tall – moderate	Sun
Hedera varieties	Ivy	8-16 inches tall - rapid	Sun to shade
Hypericum calycinum	Aaron’s beard	8-12 inches tall – invasive	Sun to part shade
Myoporum parvifolium	Trailing myoporum	3-5 inches tall – fast	Sun
Osteospermum fruticosum	African daisy	6 -14 inches tall – fast	Sun
Sedum spathulifolium	Stonecrop	2-6 inches tall – moderate	Sun to light shade
Vinca minor or major	Vinca or periwinkle	6-24 inches tall - slow to rapid	Part sun to shade

Shrubs/Perennials/Vines/Trees

Achillea varieties	Yarrow	4 inches to 3 feet tall, 12 inches wide	Sun
Callistemon citrinus	Lemon bottlebrush	10 to 20 feet tall, equal spread	Sun
Ceanothus griseu hor.	California lilac	18 inches to 5 feet tall, 15 feet wide	Sun
Cistus Varieties	Rockrose	2 to 5 feet tall, equal spread	Sun
Convolvulus cneorum	Bush morning glory	2 to 4 feet tall, equal spread	Sun
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Christmas berry, toyon	6 to 25 feet tall, 10 to 15 feet wide	Sun
Myoporum laetum	Myoporum	25 to 30 feet tall, 20 foot spread	Sun
Nerium oleander dwarf	Oleander	3 to 5 feet tall, equal spread	Sun
Schinus molle	California pepper tree	25 to 40 feet tall, equal spread	Sun
Solanum jasminoides	Potato vine	25 feet with support	Sun to light shade
Teucrium chamaedrys	Germander	1 foot tall, 2 feet wide	Sun



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