

FIRE-RESISTANT LANDSCAPING



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is the most important factor in creating a defensible space around your home.

All woody and dry plants must be trimmed or removed to reduce the potential for fire.



GROUND COVERS

Use ground covers around the home that won't ignite from flying embers.

Avoid wood bark that can dry and become flammable. Rock is a decorative ground cover that is easily maintained and beneath use a nylon or other non-flammable weed block. Nylon or plastic weedblocks that melt in heat do not cause fire to spread.



FIRE-RESISTANT ZONES

Create fire-resistant zones with stone walls, patios decks and roadways.



SAFER PLANTS

There are no "fire-proof" plants, but plants with thick leaves and a high moisture content will tend to wither and wilt in a fire, rather than burn.

Choose plants like **Aloes**, **ice plants** and other **succulents** to slow the burn.



PLANTS TO AVOID

Avoid plants with resin:
Pines, Eucalyptus, Rosemary

These are some examples of plants that have sap that can ignite in a fire.



TREE SELECTION

For trees plant **hardwoods** (**Popular, Cherry and Maple**)

Avoid **softwoods** which are more flammable (**Pines and other conifers**).



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