

Fire-safe Landscaping

Recommendations from the Butte County Fire Safe Council



Fire-resistant Qualities	Fire-prone Qualities	Plants to Avoid/Limit	Reminders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Low growing  ✓ Slow growing  ✓ Broad-leaf, deciduous  ✓ Open growth structure  ✓ High moisture content  ✓ Herbaceous  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ High resin or oil content  ✗ Leaves are often stiff, woody, or small and fine  ✗ Loose or papery bark  ✗ Blade-leaf or needle-leaf evergreens  ✗ Small, twiggy, dry or dead  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniper  • Broom  • Cypress  • Pampas Grass  • Rosemary  • Eucalyptus  • Bamboo  	<p>Choose plants that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought tolerant • California native • Fire-resistant <p>Be mindful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any plant can burn. • Avoid weed spread; pull plants at the right times. <p>Red Flag Warning Days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't use power tools. • Mow before 10 am.



First 5 Feet	5-30 Feet	30-100 Feet	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it can burn, keep it out. • Hardscape this space with rock, stone pavers, cement, bare earth, gravel, or sand. • Keep clear of weeds • Removing yard debris. • Moveable potted plants are okay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation). • Don't let leaves and pine needles collect on the ground. • Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees. • Limit trees and shrubs to small groupings; avoid creating lines of combustible vegetation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep weeds and grass cut to 4" or less. • Remove dead plant matter and weeds. • Create vertical and horizontal space between grass, shrubs and trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UC Master Gardener Program • Readyforwildfire.org • Firewise USA® • Butte County Fire Safe Council (buttefiresafe.net) • Be Ready Butte • Paradise Garden Club • Your Local Nursery