

# DO NOT PLANT

## Botanical Name / Common Name

- *Abies* species / **Fir**
- *Acacia* species / **Acacia**
- *Adenostema* species / **Chamise**
- *Arborvitae* species / **Thuja**
- *Baccharis pilularis* / **Coyote Brush**
- *Bamboo* species / **Bamboo**
- *Bougainvillea* species / **Bougainvillea**
- *Chamaecyparis* species / **False Cypress**
- *Cedrus* species / **Cedar**
- *Coprosma pumila* / **Prostrate Coprosma**
- *Cortaderia* species / **Pampas Grass**
- *Cryptomeria japonica* / **Japanese Cryptomeria**
- *Cytisus scoparius* / **Scotch Broom**
- *Dodonea* species / **Hopseed Bush**
- *Eucalyptus* species / **Eucalyptus**
- *Gelsemium sempervirens* / **Carolina Jessamine**
- *Genista* species / **Broom (French, Mediterranean, Bridal Veil, etc.)**
- *Hakea suaveolens* / **Hakea**
- *Hedera* / **Ivy (Algerian, English, etc.)**
- *Juniperus* species / **Juniper**
- *Larix* species / **Larch**
- *Miscanthus* species / **Grasses**
- *Muehlenbergia* species / **Deer Grass**
- *Palms* / **Palms**
- *Pennisetum* species / **Fountain Grass**
- *Phormium tenax* / **New Zealand Flax**
- *Picea* species / **Spruce**
- *Pinus* species (except dwarf *P. mugo*) / **Pine**
- *Pseudotsuga menziesii* / **Douglas Fir**
- *Quercus dumosa* / **Scrub Oak**
- *Rhus laurina* / **Laurel Sumac**
- *Rosmarinus* species / **Rosemary**
- *Spartium* species / **Spanish Broom**
- *Tamarix* / **Tamarisk**
- *Taxus* species (except dwarf) / **Yew**
- *Taxodium* species / **Cypress**
- *Tsuga* species / **Hemlock**

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# FIRE RESISTANT PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPES



## Basic Vegetation Management Guidelines for Landscapes in Defensible Space

While Monterey County encourages proper management of fire loads around homes, trimming trees and vegetation to reduce fire fuel loads may require a permit. Depending on the area and type of vegetation being impacted, some minor trimming of vegetation is allowed without a County permit.

Please see County publication “Basic Defensible Space & Vegetation Management Guidelines for Property Owners” on the HCD website:  
<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/current-planning/general-info/defensible-space>

For additional information, please visit the CalFire website:  
<https://www.readyforwildfire.org>

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MUSTS

1. Prune out dead foliage and branches.
2. Clean up fallen leaves and plant litter.
3. Eliminate "fire ladders" - an arrangement of plants that provide fuel for a fire to climb from ground covers or shrubs and up into treetops or structures.

## SUCCULENTS Botanical Name / Common Name

- Aeonium species / **Succulents**
- Agave species / **Agave**
- Aloe species / **Aloe**
- Bulbine species / **Bulbine**
- Crassula argentea / **Jade Plant**
- Dudleya species / **Chalk Lettuce**
- Echeverlia species / **Hen and Chicks**
- Hesperaloe species / **Red Yucca**
- Opuntia species / **Prickly Pear Cactus**
- Portulacaria afra / **Elephant Bush**
- Sedum species / **Stonecrop, etc.**
- Yucca species / **Yucca**

## VINES Botanical Name / Common Name

- Distictis buccinatoria / **Blood-red Trumpet Vine**
- Jasminum polyanthum / **Pink Jasmine**
- Tecomaria capensis / **Cape Honeysuckle**
- Trachelospermum jasminoides / **Star Jasmine**

## TREES Botanical Name / Common Name

- Aesculus californica \* / **California Buckeye**
- Afrocarpus falcatus / **African Fern Pine**
- Arbutus menziesii \* / **Pacific Madrone**
- Arbutus unedo / **Strawberry Tree**
- Ceanothus oliganthus var. sorediatus \* / **Jim Brush**
- Ceratonia siliqua / **Carob Tree**
- Ceanothus thrysiflorus \* / **Blue Blossom Ceanothus**
- Cercis occidentalis / **Western Redbud**
- Citrus varieties / **Orange, Lemon, etc.**
- Quercus agrifolia \* / **Coast Live Oak**

## PERENNIALS Botanical Name / Common Name

- Achillea millefolium \* / **Common Yarrow**
- Agapanthus africanus / **Lily of the Nile**
- Coreopsis species / **Coreopsis**
- Dietes vegetata / **Fortnight Lily**
- Diplacus species / **Monkeyflower**
- Eschscholzia californica \* / **California Poppy**
- Hemerocallis varieties / **Day Lily**
- Heuchera maxima / **Island Coral Bells**
- Iris douglasiana / **Douglas Iris**
- Limonium perezii / **Statice**
- Lotus scoparius / **Deerweed**
- Lupinus species / **Lupine**
- Penstemon varieties / **Penstemon**
- Salvia sonomensis \* / **Sonoma Sage**
- Santolina species / **Santolina**
- Trichostema lanatum / **Woolly Blue Curls**
- Thymus species / **Thymus**
- Tulbaghia violacea / **Society Garlic**
- Zauschneria californica \* / **California Fuchsia**

## SHRUBS Botanical Name / Common Name

- Arctostaphylos species \* / **Manzanita**
- Buxus microphylla japonica / **Japanese Boxwood**
- Carissa grandiflora / **Natal Plum**
- Ceanothus griseus horizontalis \* / **Wild Lilac**
- Cistus salvifolius / **Rockrose**
- Convolvulus cneorum / **Bush Morning Glory**
- Coprosma kirkii / **Coprosma**
- Diplacus aurantiacus \* / **Bush Monkey Flower**
- Escallonia species / **Escallonia**
- Feijoa sellowiana / **Pineapple Guava**
- Gambelia speciosa \* / **Showy Island Snapdragon**
- Garrya species \* / **Silktassel**
- Helianthemum nummularium / **Sunrose**
- Heteromeles arbutifolia \* / **Toyon**
- Myrica californica \* / **California Wax Myrtle**
- Prunus ilicifolia / **Catalina Cherry**
- Punica granatum / **Pomegranate**
- Rhamnus californica \* / **Coffeeberry**
- Rhus integrifolia \* / **Lemonadeberry**
- Ribes viburnifolium \* / **Evergreen Currant**
- Romneya coulteri \* / **Coulter's Matilija Poppy**
- Simmondsia chinensis / **Jojoba**
- Xylosma congestum / **Shiny Xylosma**

## GROUND COVERS Botanical Name / Common Name

- Ajuga reptans / **Carpet Bugle**
- Armeria species / **Sea Pink**
- Bergenia species / **Bergenia**
- Erigeron glaucus \* / **Seaside Fleabane**
- Erigeron karvinskianus \* / **Santa Barbara Daisy**
- Fragaria chiloensis / **Wild Strawberry**
- Lantana montevidensis / **Trailing Lantana**
- Liriope gigantea / **Liriope gigantea**
- Myoporum parvifolium / **Myoporum**
- Oenothera berlandieri / **Mexican Evening Primrose**
- Osteospermum fruticosum / **African Daisy**
- Phyla nodiflora / **Lippia**
- Salvia sonomensis \* / **Creeping Sage**
- Santolina chamaecyparis / **Lavender Cotton Santolina**
- Scaevola 'Mauve Clusters' / **Fan Flower**
- Trifolium fragiferum / **Strawberry Clover**

\* - Denotes California Native Species

### Sources:

California Wildfire Landscaping by Maureen Gilmer

California Invasive Plant Council - [cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org)

CalFire "Fire Smart Landscaping" - <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/fire-smart-landscaping>

California Native Plant Society - <https://calscape.org>