

The Silverado Community Firewise Council would like to share some important information regarding the flammability of certain plants and bushes.

Landscape maintenance is very important to fire prevention. When planning your landscape, consider the characteristics of the site such as slope, aspect, shade, precipitation rate and amount that your site receives in making final selections. We also discourage planting anything invasive or possibly invasive because it creates escape plants that are difficult to control. Planting design is also important as we want to make sure there is not overcrowding close to the home with large plants that can create fire ladders. Tree limbs over the house, plants touching the house and vines on the house are discouraged. When in doubt asked your local nursery for recommendations.

As most of us know juniper shrubs are highly flammable, but there are other plants to add to the list.

We recommend removal of these plants within 30 feet of your home, your neighbor’s home, or other structures.

The following is a listing of plants to avoid with a high rating for flammability. Note: Those plants with a “P” are considered *pyrophytes*: **they almost attract fire**. (NN)designates a plant that is not native.

**TREES**

Common Name	Botanical Name
Acacia	Acacia spp.
Arborvitae	Thuja spp.
Bald Cypress	Toxodium ssp.
Blue Gum Eucalyptus (P)	Eucalyptus globulus (NN)
Cedar	Cedrus spp. (NN)
Cryptomeria	Cryptomaria japonica (except dwarf)
Cypress	Cupressocyparis and Cupressus spp.
Cypress Cedar	Chamaecyparis spp. (except dwarf) (NN)
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Fir	Abies spp. (NN)
Hemlock	Tsuga spp. (NN)
Larch	Larix spp. (NN)
Manna Gum Eucalyptus (P)	Eucalyptus viminalis (NN)
Palm	Palms (if fronds left untrimmed) (NN)
Pepper Tree	Schinus spp.
Pine (P)	Pinus spp.
Spruce	Picea spp. (NN)
Sugar Gum Eucalyptus (P)	Eucalyptus cladocalyx (NN)
Tamarax	Tamarax spp.
Yew	Taxus spp. (except dwarf) (NN)

**SHRUBS**

Common Name	Botanical Name
Buckwheat	Erigonum spp. (depends on location & spacing and check the variety)
California Sagebrush	Artemesia californica
Chamis, Greasewood (P)	Adenostoma faciculatum
Coyote Brush (P)	Baccharis pilularis consanguinea
Hopseed Bush	Dodonaea viscosa
Juniper (P)	Juniperus spp. (NN)
Red Shanks (P)	Adenostoma sparsifolium
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis (NN)
Scotch/French/Spanish Broom	Cytisus, Genista, Spartium (NN)

#### GROUND COVERS

Common Name	Botanical Name
Algerian Ivy	Hedera canariensis
Coyote Brush (P)	Baccharis spp. (when overgrown)
Juniper (P)	Juniperus spp.

#### PERENNIALS

Common Name	Botanical Name
Bamboo	Bamboo Bambuoideae, Olyrea, Buergersiochloaeae, Parianeae, Guadulleae, Pueleae (invasive) (NN)
Black Sage	Salvia melilifera (depends on location & spacing)
Deer Grasses	Muehlenbergia spp. (depends on location & spacing)
Fountain Grasses	Pennisetum setaceum (NN)
Grasses	Miscanthus spp.
Pampas Grass	Cortaderia selloana (NN)

Additional information on plants and fire hazards maybe found on these websites.

[https://firesafemarin.org/plants/fire-hazardous.](https://firesafemarin.org/plants/fire-hazardous)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh4cQdH26g&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you for considering removal of fire dangerous plants. This not only provides a safer environment for you, but also your next-door neighbors and the community as a whole.

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