Landscaping Can Be Attractive & FIReWISE

“FIRE SMART” Plant List for SC
Native and Landscape

HIGHLY Flammable Plants
(Plants that will ignite faster and burn readily)

SHRUBS
• Arborvitae
• Gallberry
• Hollies
• Junipers
• Podocarpus
• Saw Palmetto
• Wax Myrtle
• Yaupon

TREES
• Eastern red cedar
• Eucalyptus
• Leyland cypress
• Pines

GROUNDCOVERS, BEDDING PLANTS, and VINES
• Pampas grass
• Pine straw

LESS Flammable Plants
with some fire resistance

TREES
• Ash
• Birch
• Cherry
• Cottonwood
• Crab apple
• Dogwood
• Elm
• Hickory

• Maple
• Oak
• Plum
• Redbud
• Southern Magnolia
• Sweetbay Magnolia
• Tulip tree (Yellow Poplar)
• Willow

Note: When living in the Wildland Urban Interface areas, it is recommended that these plants NOT be planted adjacent to any wooden structure such as house, fences, or decks. This list is NOT inclusive as other plants with similar characteristics, i.e., low moisture content, high percentage of dead limbs or are under stress, can affect their performance.
### SHRUBS
- Azalea
- Barberry (Mahonia)
- Bottlebrush
- Boxwood
- Burning bush
- Butterfly bush
- Camellia
- Cleyera
- Crape myrtle
- Eleagnus
- Forsythia
- Gardenia
- Hydrangea
- Indian Hawthorne
- Ligustrum
- Liriope
- Loripetalum
- Mahonia
- Muhlenbergia
- Oleander
- Philodendron
- Photinia
- Pittosporum
- Privet
- Pyracantha, firethorn
- Rhododendron
- Rose
- Russian olive
- Spirea
- Spirea
- Viburnum
- Weigela
- Witch Hazel

### GROUNDCOVERS, BEDDING PLANTS, & VINES
- Blue-eyed grass
- Daylily
- Dusty miller, senecio
- Honeysuckle
- Iris
- Lantana
- Periwinkle
- St. Augustine grass
- Stonecrop
- Trumpet creeper
- Yarrow
- Yellow Jessamine
- Yellow-eyed grass

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Note: This list is NOT inclusive. Any plant will burn given sufficient exposure to heat. Plants suffering from moisture stress will also be less resistant to fire than adequately watered plants.

There are no fire proof plants, but some are more fire resistant than others.

These “fire smart” plants:
- Are less likely to ignite from a wildfire.
- Burn less intensely when they do ignite, and spread the fire slower.
- Are lower growing or smaller.
- Have stems and leaves that are not resinous, oily, or waxy.
- Have a high moisture content; succulent plants.
- Easy to maintain and prune.
- Have less accumulated debris and fewer dead branches.
- Have an open, loose branching pattern.
- Are drought resistant, requiring less irrigation.

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