

Fire Resistant Plant List

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This is a curated list of common native and non-native fire safe plant species suitable to the climate Marin County, CA. This list is not comprehensive - other suitable plants may be fire resistant. These plants were carefully by fire, forestry, and botany experts, for their relative fire resistance. These are preferred species for landscaping around homes in the Wildland Urban Interface. These plants exhibit relatively more resistance to burning when exposed to fire. To ensure fire-resistance, all plants on this list must be maintained in a living state, irrigated properly, and must be kept free of dead or dry twigs and material at all times. Although they may be fire-resistant, known invasive species and some "water hogs" are excluded.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Recommendation	Native
Acer spp.	Maple	Tree	Preferred	
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	Perennial	Preferred	X
Achillea tomentosa	Woolly Yarrow	Perennial, Cover	Preferred	
Aeonium spp.	Aeonium	Perennial	Preferred	
Agapanthus spp.	Lily-of-the-Nile	Perennial	Preferred	
Agave spp.	Agave	Perennial	Preferred	
Ajuga reptans	Carpet Bugle	Cover	Preferred	
Aloe spp.	Aloe	Perennial	Preferred	
Aquilegia formosa	Western Columbine	Perennial	Preferred	X
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Tree	Preferred	
Armeria maritima	Common Thrift	Cover	Preferred	X
Asarum caudatum	Wild Ginger	Perennial	Preferred	X
Berberis [Mahonia] aquifolium	Creeping Mahonia	Shrub	Preferred	X
Bergenia spp.	Bergenia	Perennial	Preferred	
Brugmansia spp.	Angel's Trumpet	Shrub	Preferred	
Carpenteria californica	Bush Anemone	Shrub	Preferred	
Centaurea cineraria	Dusty Miller	Perennial	Preferred	
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer	Cover	Preferred	
Ceratonia siliqua	Carob	Tree	Preferred	
Cercis occidentalis	Western Redbud	Tree	Preferred	X
Cercocarpus betuloides	Mountain Ironwood	Tree	Preferred	X
Citrus species	Citrus	Tree	Preferred	
Clinopodium [Satureja] dougl.	Yerba Buena	Perennial	Preferred	X
Coleonema aka "Diosma"	Breath of Heaven	Shrub	Preferred	
Convolvus cneorum	Bush Morning Glory	Shrub	Preferred	
Coprosma kirkii	Creeping Coprosma	Cover	Preferred	
Coreopsis spp.	Coreopsis	Shrub	Preferred	
Cotyledon spp.	Cotyledon	Perennial	Preferred	
Crassula spp.	Crassula	Perennial	Preferred	
Delosperma "Alba"	White Trailing Iceplant	Cover	Preferred	
Dicentra formosa	Western Bleeding Heart	Perennial	Preferred	X
Dietes bicolor	African Iris	Perennial	Preferred	
Dietes vegeta	Fortnight Lily	Perennial	Preferred	
Drosanthemum sp.	Rosea Ice Plant	Cover	Preferred	
Dudleya	Dudleya or Cliff Lettuce	Perennial	Preferred	
Echeveria spp.	Hen and Chicks	Perennial	Preferred	
Eounymus Fortunei coloratus	Winter Creeper	Cover	Preferred	
Erigeron glaucus	Beach Aster	Cover	Preferred	X
Eriogonum spp.	Wild Buckwheat	Perennial	Preferred	X (some)
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden Yarrow	Perennial	Preferred	X
Eriophyllum stachaedifolium	Lizardtail	Perennial	Preferred	X
Erysimum capitatum	Foothill Wallflower	Perennial	Preferred	X
Erysimum linifolium	Wallflower	Perennial	Preferred	
Escallonia spp.	Escallonia	Shrub	Preferred	
Eschscholzia spp.	California Poppy	Perennial	Preferred	X
Fagus spp.	Beech	Tree	Preferred	
Feijoa sellowiana	Pineapple Guava	Tree	Preferred	
Festuca rubra	Creeping Red Fescue	Grass, Cover	Preferred	X (some)
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach Strawberry	Cover	Preferred	X
Fragaria vesca	Wood Strawberry	Cover	Preferred	X
Fraxinus spp.	Ash	Tree	Preferred	X (latifolia)
Grindelia stricta, camporum	Coastal Wild Gum	Perennial	Preferred	X
Hemerocallis hybrids	Daylily	Perennial	Preferred	
Hesperaloe parviflora	Red Yucca	Perennial	Preferred	
Heuchera maxima	Island Alum Root	Perennial	Preferred	

Heuchera micrantha	Coral Bells	Perennial	Preferred	X
Iris douglasiana	Douglas Iris	Perennial	Preferred	X
Iris macrosiphon	Ground Iris	Perennial	Preferred	X
Iris spp.	Iris	Perennial	Preferred	
Kniphofia uvaria	Red Hot Poker (Torch Lily)	Perennial	Preferred	
Lampranthus spp.	Bush Ice Plant	Cover	Preferred	
Lantana montevidensis	Lantana	Shrub	Preferred	
Lavandula spp.	Lavender	Shrub	Preferred	
Lavatera assurgentiflora	Malva Rose (Tree Mallow)	Shrub	Preferred	
Iberis sempervirens	Evergreen Candytuft	Cover	Preferred	
Liriope gigantea	Giant Turf Lily	Cover	Preferred	
Lonicera hispidula	Pink Honeysuckle	Vine	Preferred	X
Lupinus spp.	Lupine	Perennial	Preferred	X (some)
Macadamia hybrids	Macadamia Nut	Tree	Preferred	
Metrosideros excelsus	New Zealand Christmas Tree	Tree	Preferred	
Mimulus spp.	Monkey Flower	Perennial, Shrub	Preferred	X (some)
Monardella villosa	Coyote Mint	Perennial	Preferred	X
Nolina spp.	Nolina (related to Yucca)	Shrub	Preferred	
Oenothera berlandieri	Mexican Evening Primrose	Perennial	Preferred	
Pelargonium peltatum	Ivy Geranium	Cover	Preferred	
Penstemon spp.	Beard Tongue	Perennial	Preferred	X (some)
Phyla nodiflora	Common Lippia	Cover	Preferred	X
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache	Tree	Preferred	
Polystichum munitum	Sword Fern	Perennial	Preferred	X
Portulacaria afra "Variegata"	Elephant's Foot	Perennial	Preferred	
Potentilla neumanniana	Alpine Cinquefoil	Cover	Preferred	
Prunus lyonii	Catalina Cherry	Shrub	Preferred	
Punica granatum	Pomegranate	Shrub	Preferred	
Quercus spp.	Oaks	Tree, Shrub	Preferred	X (some)
Ranunculus californica	Buttercup	Perennial	Preferred	X
Rhapiolepis spp.	India Hawthorn	Shrub	Preferred	
Rhododendron (Azalea) spp.	Rhododendrons and Azaleas	Shrub	Preferred	X (some)
Rhus integrifolia	Lemonade Berry	Shrub	Preferred	
Rhus lancea	African Sumac	Tree	Preferred	
Romneya coulteri	Matilija Poppy	Perennial	Preferred	
Rosa banksiae	Lady Banks' Rose	Vine	Preferred	
Santolina chamaecyparissus	Lavender Cotton	Shrub, Cover	Preferred	
Santolina virens	Green Lavender Cotton	Cover	Preferred	
Sedum sp.	Stonecrop	Cover	Preferred	X (some)
Senecio serpens, mandralisce	Blue chalksticks	Cover	Preferred	
Sidalcea malviflora	Checkerbloom	Perennial	Preferred	X
Simmondsia chinensis	Joboba	Shrub	Preferred	
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed Grass	Perennial	Preferred	X
Sisyrinchium californicum	Yellow-eyed Grass	Perennial	Preferred	X
Sisyrinchium spp.	Blue-Eyed Grasses	Perennial	Preferred	X (some)
Solanum jasminoides	Potato Vine	Vine	Preferred	
Solanum xanti	Purple Nightshade	Shrub	Preferred	X
Stachys byzantina	Lamb's Ears	Perennial	Preferred	
Strelitzia reginae	Bird of Paradise	Perennial, Shrub	Preferred	
Symphiotrichum [Aster] chilense	Wild Aster	Perennial	Preferred	X
Symphoricarpos mollis	Creeping Snowberry	Vine	Preferred	X
Tecomaria capensis	Cape Honeysuckle	Vine	Preferred	
Thymus praecox arcticus	Creeping Thyme	Cover	Preferred	
Toxicoscordion [Zigadenus] fr	Star Lily	Perennial	Preferred	X
Trachelospermum jasminoides	Star Jasmine	Shrub	Preferred	
Triteleia [Brodiaea] laxa	Grass Nut	Perennial	Preferred	X
Tulbaghia violacea	Society Garlic	Perennial	Preferred	
Vaccinium corymbosum	Blueberry	Shrub	Preferred	
Verbena peruviana	Perennial Verbena	Cover	Preferred	
Yucca spp.	Yucca	Shrub	Preferred	
Zauschneria californica	California Fuchsia	Perennial	Preferred	X

**plant no closer than 30' from structures. All plants on this list should be properly irrigated according to the individual species' needs, and must be maintained free of dead twigs and leaves in order to remain fire-resistant. Drought stressed plants, or plants with dead twigs and leaves, can burn during a wildfire, regardless of species.*