

Avoid These Flammable Plants



While these plants are very pretty, they are extremely flammable!



French broom
Genista monspessulana
Scotch broom
Cytisus scoparius
Spanish broom
Spartium junceum
Sweet broom
Genista stenopetala



Pampas grass & Jubata Grass
Cortaderia selloana, Cortaderia jubata



Common Juniper
Juniperus communis



Rosemary
Rosmarinus officinalis



California Sagebrush
Artemisia californica

Other Flammable Plants to Avoid

The following are susceptible to burning, due to rough or peeling bark, production of large amounts of litter, vegetation that contains oils, resin, wax or pitch, large amounts of dead material in the plant, or plantings with a high dead-to-live fuel ratio:



Trees:

Acacia	Larch
Arbor-Vitae	Manna Gum Eucalyptus
Bald Cypress	Monterey Pine
Blue Gum Eucalyptus	Palm
Cedar	Pepper Tree
Cryptomeria	Pine
Cypress	Spruce
Douglas Fir	Sugar Gum Eucalyptus
Fir	Tamarix
Hemlock	Yew

Shrubs:

Buckwheat	Hopseed Bush
California Sagebrush	Juniper
Ceanothus	Red Shanks
Chamies, Greasewood	Rosemary
Coyote Brush	Scotch/French/Spanish/Sweet Broom

Other:

Algerian Ivy	Deer Grasses	Pampas Grasses
Bamboo	Fountain Grasses	Pride of Madeira
Black Sage		

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www.cal-ipc.org/www.plantright.org;
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www.oaklandpw.com/creeks/fireplants.htm



Consider these recommended alternative plants for your garden:



San Diego sedge
Carex spissa



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Cape thatching reed
Eligia tectorum

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Jerusalem sage
Phlomis fruticosa

Winter Jasmine—yellow flowers in winter

Cornelian-Cherry Dogwood—yellow flowers in spring, purple berries in fall

Golden Currant—yellow flowers spring, edible berries for jams and jellies

Jerusalem Sage—yellow flowers in spring and summer

Shrub Hypericum—yellow flowers summer and fall

San Diego Sedge—yellow grass-like flowers in spring

Cape Thatching Reed—brown flowers in summer/fall

Bigelow's Bear Grass—white flowers in summer