

Firewise Landscaping

THE GREAT OUTDOORS RV NATURE & Golf RESORT FIREWISE COMMUNITY

The goal of Firewise landscaping is to create and maintain a safety zone around the home.

This "defensible space" increases the likelihood that a home will survive a wildfire, even in the absence of firefighters.

Defensible space should extend outward from the home 30 feet.

This area does not need to be devoid of shrubs and trees, but should be wisely landscaped with plants known to be less-flammable separated by walkways and grassed areas.

Defensible Space

Breaks up the continuity of any vegetation that might otherwise bring fire from adjacent wildland to the structure.

Provides room for firefighters to safely work to defend a structure.

Helps prevent a structure fire from spreading to adjacent wildland areas.

Within the zone of defensible space follow these guidelines:

Remove any "ladder fuels". Ladder fuels are vines and shrubs that can carry a ground fire up into the treetops.

Remove dense fuels, trim overhanging branches and carefully plan your landscaping within 30 ft. of homes.

Prune tree limbs so the lowest branches are more than 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

Remove any large groupings of plants like saw palmetto, yaupon, wax myrtle and gall berry especially if the plants are close to the home, adjacent to decks or porches, or under eaves or overhangs.

Instead of flammable mulch like bark or wood chips, use lava stone or coarse gravel around any shrubbery within 5 feet of the structure.

Remove highly flammable plants characterized by resinous sap and waxy leaves. These include: saw palmetto, yaupon, wax myrtle, red cedar, cypress and young pine trees.

Keep 100 feet of hose readily available at a faucet away from the structure

Select less-flammable plant species to plant within the zone of defensible space.

**ALLOW NO FLAMMABLE
VEGETATION IN CONTACT WITH
THE STRUCTURE.**

LESS-FLAMMABLE TREES

Ash*	Citrus
Crepe Myrtle	Dogwood*
Jacaranda	Loquat
Oaks*	Peach
Black Cherry*	Sparkleberry
Hophornbeam*	Pecan*
Willow*	Basswood*
Magnolia*	Maple*
Redbud*	Sycamore*
Viburnum*	Winged Elm*
Plum*	Sweet Gum*
Persimmon*	Blue Beech*
Sea Grape*	Catalpa*
Sweet Acacia*	Silver Button*
Tabebuia	Gumbo-Limbo*
Red Mulberry*	Red Bay*
Green Button*	Mahogany*
Satin Leaf*	Pigeon Plum*
River Birch*	Hawthorne*
Elm*	Pindo Palm
Alexander Palm	Sago Palm
Queen Palm	King Sago Palm
Pygmy Date Palm	

LESS-FLAMMABLE SHRUBS

Agave*	Aloe*
Azalea*	Viburnum*
Hydrangea	Oleander
Philodendron	Pittosporum
Red Yucca*	Beauty Berry*
Pyracantha	Camellia
Century Plant*	Coontie*
Anise*	Indian Hawthorne
Oakleaf Hydrangea*	

MORE-FLAMMABLE TREES AND SHRUBS

Pines*	Juniper*
Red Cedar*	Italian Cypress
Bald Cypress*	Arizona Cypress
Arborvitae	Saw Palmetto*
Wax Myrtle*	Pampas Grass
Gall berry*	Cabbage Palm*
American Holly*	Boxwood*
Melaleuca	Yaupon Holly*
Yew	Leyland Cypress

* At least one species of any plant marked with an asterisk is native to Florida. The non-native plants are not known to be invasive.

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Residents reducing wildfire risks

Remember on your property only. You cannot landscape beyond your property.

All modifications or improvements made to the exterior of your property, including changes to reconstruct after casualty, must have ARC approval. ARC Guidelines and Forms are available in the office or online at www.tgoesa.org