

Wildfire Season Prevention

Protecting Property from Wildfire Risk

Managing and Selecting Fire-Resistant Plants

A key to preparing for wildfire season is to manage the trees, bushes and other plants on your property as they can cause fire to spread toward your building or residence. Being prepared means removing combustible materials such as leaves, branches and other organic materials. Implementing these simple measures will help keep your property safe in the event of a fire.

You can create a visually pleasing landscape by planting fire resistant shrubs and ground cover. These should be well spaced and low growing.

How to Fire-Proof Your Landscaping



Remove flammable ground cover

Avoid mulch and plant low-density, fire-resistant ground covers.



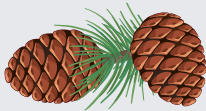
Keep grass short

Mow grass to less than 10 cm and drench up to twice a week keeping in mind any watering restrictions.



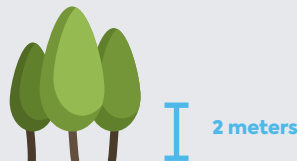
Thin trees

Space trees at least 3 metres apart to reduce fire intensity. Also, ensure that they aren't planted close to your residence.



Remove all combustible materials

Clear dead leaves, branches, needles, and mulch within 1.5 metres of your house.



Trim low branches

Prune lower branches to at least 2 meters from the ground to prevent fire ladders.



Clear leaves

Plants drop needles and leaves, so regularly clean out dead material. Always keep roofs and gutters clear.

Pick Fire-Resistant Plants



Plant low-growing, fire-resistant shrubs

Choose shrubs that are well-spaced and not densely packed.



Select fire-resistant ground covers

Use low-growing, fire-resistant plants like succulents, hardy ice plant, or other fire-resistant species.



Choose fire-resistant trees

Choose trees like ponderosa pine, which are more resistant to surface fires.



Select plants that don't burn

Choose deciduous trees and avoid coniferous trees, such as pines and junipers which are highly flammable.

Other Helpful Hints



Know your fire zones

Use non-combustible materials like gravel, rock, or pavers around your home to protect against embers.



Build a fire break

Create a fire break using non-combustible materials to help stop the spread of fire.



Consult local resources

Check with FireSmartBC. Your local nursery can assist you make the right choice in fire-resistant plantings.