

FIRE RESISTANT CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS:

- Leaves are moist and supple.
- Plants have little dead wood and tend not to accumulate dry, dead material within or under the plant.
- Sap is water-like and does not have a strong odor.
- Sap or resin material is low. Most deciduous trees and shrubs are fire-resistant.

CHARACTERISTICS OF HIGHLY LAMMABLE PLANTS:

- Contain fine, dry, or dead material within the plant, such as twigs, needles, and leaves.
- Leaves, twigs, and stems contain volatile waxes, terpenes, or oils.
- Leaves are aromatic (strong odor when crushed).
- Sap is gummy, resinous, and has a strong odor.
- May have loose or papery bark.