

MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST FOR A SAFER LANDSCAPE

1. Clean up fallen leaves and plant litter
2. Mow grass to 4" or less
3. Clear brush 30-100' around home
4. Clean vegetation from roof and rain gutters
5. Keep plants near the house watered & use drought-resistant plants
6. Thin or prune back canopies of clustered trees, keep them 10-15' apart
7. Remove tree limbs to 15' from ground but not more than 1/3 of tree's height
8. Prune out dead foliage & branches from plants
9. Maintain fire truck access by clearing overhanging tree branches & crowding bushes from driveway
10. Plant shrubs in small groups, spaced at a distance of at least 5 times their height
11. Keep tree canopies at least 10- 15' apart
12. Cut back native chaparral & brush, severely when needed
13. Maintain a water supply in tanks, pools, ponds, or cisterns on site; Have fire-fighting equipment on site—contact your local fire department for recommendations
14. Have a power source ready in case electric power lines burn

FIRE-WISE LANDSCAPING TIPS

1. Clear brush within 30' of home, plant native grasses or wildflowers near home.
2. Eliminate "fire ladders"--plants that reach close to tree canopies or structures.
3. Thin and shape plants so that fire cannot move easily from one canopy edge to another.
4. Space plants on slopes as follows: o 0-20% slope—10' spacing o 20-40% slope—20' spacing o 40% & steeper slope—30' spacing
5. When clearing brush, maintain deep-rooted plants to stabilize slopes.
6. Choose fire-resistant plants, though all plants can burn.
7. On unstable slopes, choose plants and trees that will re-sprout after a fire.
8. Use drip irrigation to maximize water delivery to plants.

For answers to your gardening questions, contact the UC Master Gardeners of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties at <https://mbmg.ucanr.edu/hotline/>

FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS

<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
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SUCCULENTS

<i>Aeonium species</i>	Succulents
<i>Agave species</i>	Agave
<i>Aloe species</i>	Aloe
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hottentot Fig
<i>Crassula argentea</i>	Jade Plant
<i>Delosperma alba</i>	White Trailing Ice Plant
<i>Drosanthemum floribundum</i>	Ice Plant
<i>Echeveria species</i>	Hen and Chicks
<i>Lampranthus spectabilis</i>	Trailing Ice Plant
<i>Maleophora crocea</i>	Ice Plant
<i>Portulacaria afra</i>	Elephant's Food
<i>Sedum species</i>	Stonecrop, etc.

Note: Iceplant is not considered a good erosion control plant on slopes due to its heavy weight which can destabilize soil.

TREES

<i>Alnus rhombifolia*</i>	White Alder
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry Tree
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob Tree
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Redbud
<i>Citrus varieties</i>	Orange, Lemon, etc.
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Texan Privet
<i>Metrosideros excelsus</i>	New Zealand Christmas Tree
<i>Olea europa</i>	Olive
<i>Plantanus racemosa*</i>	Western Sycamore
<i>Quercus agrifolia *</i>	Coast Live Oak

VINES

<i>Solanum jasminoides</i>	Potato Vine
<i>Tecomaria capensis</i>	Cape Honeysuckle

SHRUBS

<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Australian Saltbush
<i>Buxux microphylla japonica</i>	Japanese Boxwood
<i>Carissa grandiflora</i>	Natal Plum
<i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i>	Wild Liliac
<i>Cistus salivifolius</i>	Rockrose
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>	Bush Morning Glory

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<i>Coprosma kirkii</i>	Coprosma
<i>Escallonia species</i>	Escallonia
<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i>	Pineapple Guava
<i>Garra species*</i>	Silktassel
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Sunrose
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander
<i>Pittosporum species</i>	Pittosporum
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Holly-Leaved Cherry
<i>Prunus lionil</i>	Catalina Cherry
<i>Punica granatum</i>	Pomegranate
<i>Pyracantha varieties</i>	Pyracantha
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Italian Buckthorn
<i>Rhamnus californica*</i>	Coffeeberry
<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Lemonadeberry
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>	Evergreen Currant
<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	Jojoba
<i>Xylosma congestum</i>	Xylosma

GROUND COVERS

<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Carpet Bugle
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Capeweed
<i>Armeria species</i>	Sea Pink
<i>Bergenia species</i>	Bergenia
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Santa Barbara Daisy
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Wild Strawberry
<i>Gazania leucoleana</i>	Trailing Gazania
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	St. Johnswort
<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	Trailing Lantana
<i>Liriope gigantea</i>	Giant Turf Lily
<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Myoporum
<i>Oenothera berlandieri</i>	Mexican Evening Primrose
<i>Osteospermum fruticosum</i>	African Daisy
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	Lippia
<i>Scaevola 'Mauve Clusters'</i>	Fan Flower
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	Star Jasmine
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	O'Connors Legume
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Periwinkle

PERENNIALS

<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	Woolly Yarrow
<i>Agapanthus africanus</i>	Lily of the Nile
<i>Artemesia caucasia</i>	Caucasian Sage Brush

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<i>Coreopsis species</i>	Coreopsis
<i>Dietes vegeta</i>	Fortnight Lily
<i>Diplacus species</i>	Monkeyflower
<i>Eschscholzia californica*</i>	California Poppy
<i>Hemerocallis varieties</i>	Day Lily
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red Hot Poker
<i>Iris species</i>	Iris
<i>Lavandula species</i>	Lavender
<i>Limonium perezil</i>	Statice
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed
<i>Lupinus species</i>	Lupine
<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i>	Ivy Geranium
<i>Penstemon varieties</i>	Penstemon
<i>Salvia sonomensis*</i>	Sonoma Sage
<i>Santolina species</i>	Santolina
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Wooly Blue Curls
<i>Thymus species</i>	Thymus
<i>Tulbaghia violcea</i>	Society Garlic
<i>Zauschneria californica*</i>	Calif. Fuschia

**California Native Species*

HIGHLY FLAMMABLE PLANTS

<i>Abies species</i>	Fir
<i>Acacia species</i>	Acacia
<i>Adenostema species</i>	Chamise
<i>Arborvitae species</i>	Thuja
<i>Arctostaphylos species</i>	Manzanita
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	Coast Sagebrush
<i>Baccharis species</i>	Coyote Bush
<i>Bamboo species</i>	Bamboo
<i>Bougainvillea species</i>	Bougainvillea
<i>Charmaecyparis species</i>	False Cypress
<i>Cedrus species</i>	Cedar
<i>Cortaderia species</i>	Pampas Grass
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Jap. Cryptomeria
<i>Cupressus species</i>	Cypress
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom
<i>Dodonea species</i>	Hopseed Bush
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	Calif. Buckwheat
<i>Eucalyptus species</i>	Eucalyptus

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<i>Gelsimium sempervirens</i>	Carolina Jessamine
<i>Genista species</i>	Spanish Broom
<i>Hakea suaveolens</i>	Hakea
<i>Hedera canariensis</i>	Algerian Ivy
<i>Heteromeles arutifolia</i>	Toyon
<i>Juniperus species</i>	Juniper
<i>Larix spec</i>	Larch
<i>Miscanthus species</i>	Grasses
<i>Muehlenbergia species</i>	Deer Grass
<i>Palms</i>	(if fronds not trimmed)
<i>Pennisetum species</i>	Fountain Grass
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	New Zealand Flax
<i>Picea species</i>	Spruce
<i>Pinus sp. (except dwarf P. mugo)</i>	Pine
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas Fir
<i>Quercus dumosa</i>	Scrub Oak
<i>Rhus laurina</i>	Laurel Sumac
<i>Rhus ovate</i>	Sugar Bush
<i>Rosmarinus species</i>	Rosemary
<i>Salvia melilifera</i>	Black Sage
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California Pepper
<i>Spartium species</i>	Spanish Broom
<i>Tamarix</i>	Tamarisk
<i>Taxus species (except dwarf)</i>	Yew
<i>Taxodium species</i>	Cypress
<i>Tsuga species</i>	Hemlock
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	Laurel Bay

Also: all ornamental grasses and berry vines