



Suggested Drought Tolerant, Fire Resistive Landscaping Plants

Canopy Trees: Broad spreading trees that make good accent trees. Grow up to 25-50 ft. tall and should be spaced 30-40 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Albizia julibrissin	Silk Tree	10	D
Chorisia speciosa	Silk Floss Tree	10	D
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Tree	10	E
Erythrina species	Coral Tree	10	D
Ficus species		10	D
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda	10	D
Koelreuteria paniculata	Golden Raintree	10	D
Melaleuca linariifolia	Paperbark	10	E
Pinus halepensis	Aleppo Pine	30	E
Platanus acerifolia	Sycamore	10	D
Phoenix canariensis	Canary Island Date Palm	30	E
Podocarpus gracilior	Fern Pine	10	E
Pyrus kawakamii	Evergreen Pear	10	E
Quercus species	Oak	10	E
Rhus lancea	African Sumac	10	E
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	10	D
Schinus species	Pepper Tree	30	E
Spathodea campanulata	African Tulip Tree	10	D
Tipuana tipu	Tipu Tree	10	D
Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese Elm	10	D
Zelkova serrata	Sawleaf Zelkova	10	D

Vertical Growing Trees: Upright character and are good choices for narrow areas. Grow up to 30 ft. tall and should be spaced 20-30 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Betula pendula	European White Birch	10	D
Brachychiton populneus	Bottle Tree	10	D
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottle Brush Tree	30	E
Dracaena draco	Dragon Tree	10	E
Hymenosporum flavum	Sweetshade Tree	10	E
Maytenus boaria	Mayten	10	E
Melaleuca quinquenervia	Paperbark Tree	10	E
Metrosideros tomentosa	New Zealand Christmas Tree	10	E
Tristania conferta	Brisbane Box Tree	10	E

Ornamental Trees: Various canopy heights and widths that serve many uses such as accent trees. Grow 15-40 ft. tall and should be spaced 20-25 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple	10	D
Agonis flexuosa	Peppermint Tree	10	E
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	10	E
Avocado species		30	E
Bauhinia species	Orchid Tree	10	D
Cassia leptophylla	Gold Medallion Tree	10	D
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	10	D
Citrus species		10	E
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Carrotwood Tree	10	E
Geijera parvifolia	Australian Willow	10	E
Lagerstroemia indica	Crape Myrtle	10	D
Lagunaria patersonii	Primrose Tree	10	E
Magnolia species		10	E/D
Olea europaea	Olive Tree	10	E
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache	10	D
Prunus species		10	E/D
Pyrus species	Ornamental Pear	10	E/D
Tabebuia species	Trumpet Tree	10	E/D

Low-Multi Branching Trees: Large shrubs and small tree forms good for under-story screening. Grow. 10-25 ft. tall and should be spaced 15-20 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Acacia species		30	E
Eriobotrya deflexa	Bronze Loquat	10	E
Feijoa sellowiana	Guava	10	E
Melaleuca nesophila	Pink Melaleuca	10	E
Myoporum laetum		10	E
Pittosporum undulatum	Victorian Box	10	E
Punica granatum	Pomegranate	10	D
Thevetia thevetioides	Giant Thevetia	10	E

Tall Skyline Trees: Dramatic silhouettes against the skyline. Grow 40-70 ft. tall and should be spaced 30-40 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Acer macrophyllum	Bigleaf Maple	10	D
Alnus rhombifolia White	Alder Tree	10	D
Cedrus species	Cedar Tree	30	E
Eucalyptus species		30	E
Fraxinus species	Ash Tree	10	D
Grevillea robusta	Silk Oak	10	D
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Tree	10	D
Liquidambar species	Sweet Gum	10	D
Pinus canariensis	Canary Island Pine	30	E
Pinus torreyana	Torrey Pine	30	E
Platanus racemosa	Sycamore	10	D
Populus fremontii	Western Cottonwood	10	D
Populus nigra	Lombardy Poplar	10	D

Palm Trees: Vary from single to multiple trunks. Grow 20-100 ft. tall and should be spaced 20-40 ft. apart.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Drip line to Structure (ft.)	Evergreen or Deciduous
Archontophoenix alexandrae	Alexandra Palm	10	E
Archontophoenix Cunninghamiana	King Palm	10	E
Brahea armata	Blue Hesper Palm	30	E
Brahea edulis	Guadalupe Palm	30	E
Chamaerops humilis	Mediterranean Fan Palm	30	E
Cycas revoluta	Sago Palm	10	E
Howea forsteriana	Kentia Palm	30	E
Phoenix canariensis	Canary Island Date Palm	30	E
Phoenix dactylifera	Date Palm	30	E
Phoenix reclinata	Senegal Date Palm	30	E
Phoenix roebelenii	Pygmy Date Palm	30	E
Syagrus romanzoffianum	Queen Palm	10	E
Trachycarpus fortunei	Windmill Palm	30	E
Washingtonia filifera	California Fan Palm	30	E
Washingtonia robusta	Mexican Fan Palm	30	E
*All other Palm species	Various Palms	30	E

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Shrubs

Botanical Name

Abelia grandiflora
Abutilon palmeri
Aesculus californica
Alyogyne huegelii
Atriplex canescens
Atriplex glauca
Atriplex lentiformis
Baccharis glutinosa
Baccharis pilularis
*Bamboo Species
Buxus species
Carissa grandiflora
Ceanothus spp.
Cistus spp.
Coprosma repens
*Dicksonia antartica
Echium candicans
Elaeagnus pungens
Encelia californica
Eriobotrya deflexa
Eriophyllum confertiflorum
Escallonia spp.
Euryops pectinatus
Feijoa sellowiana
Galvezia speciosa
Heteromeles arbutifolia
Ilex species
Lavandula spp.
Leptospermum scoparium
Ligustrum japonicum
Mahonia aquifolium
Myoporum laetum
Myrtus communis
Nerium Oleander
Photina spp.
Pittosporum tobria
Plumbago auriculata
Podocarpus henkelii
Prunus caroliniana
Prunus ilicifolia
Punica granatum
Pyracantha species
Quercus dumosa
Rhamnus californica
Rhaphiolepis indica
Rhus integrifolia
Ribes speciosum
Rosa species
Rosa banksiae
Salvia greggii
Salvia leucantha
Santolina chamaecyparissus

Common Name

Glossy Abelia
Indian Mallow
California Buckeye
Blue Hibiscus
Four-wing Saltbush
Saltbush
Quail Saltbush
Mule Fat
Coyote Bush

Boxwood
Natal Plum
California Lilac
Rockrose
Mirror Plant
Tasmanian Tree Fern
Pride of Madiera
Silverberry
California Sunflower
Bronze Loquat
Golden Yarrow
Escallonia
Shrub Daisy
Pineapple Guava
Bush Snapdragon
Toyon
Holly
Lavender
New Zealand Tea Tree
Japanese Privot
Oregon Grape
Myoporum
Myrtle
Dwarf Oleander
Photina
Tobria
Cape Plumbago
Henkel's Yellowwood
Carolina Laurel Cherry
Hollyleaf Cherry
Pomegranate
Firethorn
Coast Scrub Oak
Coffeeberry
India Hawthorn
Lemonadeberry
Fuchsia-flowered Gooseberry
Rose
Lady Bank's Rose
Autumn Sage
Mexican Bush Sage
Lavender Cotton

Trichostema lanatum
Westringia fruticosa
Xylosma congestum

Wooly Blue Curls
Coast Rosemary
Shiny Xylosma

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Perennials

Botanical Name

Achillea species
Agapanthus species
Amaryllis belladonna
Anigozanthos species
Artemisia "powis castle"
Baileya multiradiata
Camissonia cheiranthifolia
Camellia species
Clivia miniata
Coreopsis grandiflora
Coreopsis maritime
Diets species
Felicia ammeloides
Heuchera species/hybrids
Iris douglasiana
Kniphofia uvaria
Lantana species
Limonium perezii
Narcissus species
Oenothera species
Penstemon species
Senecio cineraria
Sisyrinchium bellum
Tagetes lemmonii
Tulbaghia violacea

Common Name

Yarrow
Lily-of-the-Nile
Naked Lady
Kangaroo Paw
Wormwood
Desert Marigold
Beach Evening Primrose
Camellia
Clivia
Large-Flowered Tickseed
Sea Dahlia
Fortnight Lily
Blue Marguerite
Coral Bells
Pacific Coast Iris
Red-hot Poker
Lantana
Sea Lavender
Daffodil
Primrose
Beardtongue
Dusty Miller
Blue-eyed Grass
Mountain Marigold
Society Garlic

Ground Covers

Botanical Name

Ajuga reptans
Aptenia cordifolia
Arctostaphylos edmundsii 'Little Sur'
Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Monterey carpet'
Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks'
Carex species
Carissa macrocarpa
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis
Cerastium tomentosum
Delosperma alba
Delosperma cooperi
Dymondia margaretea
Erigeron karvinskianus
Fragaria chiloensis

Common Name

Carpet Bugle
Red Apple Iceplant
Little Sur Manzanita
Monterey Carpet Manzanita
Coyote Bush
Sedge
Natal Plum
Ceanothus
Snow-in-summer
White Trailing Iceplant
Pink Carpet
Silver Carpet
Fleabane, Mexican Daisy
Wild Strawberry

Gazania hybrids
Hedera helix
Lampranthus species
Lantana montevidensis
Mahonia repens
Malephora crocea
Malephora luteola
Myoporum parvifolium
Oenothera berlandieri
Oenothera stubbei Saltillo
Osteospermum fruticosum
Pelargonium peltatum
Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostratus'
Sagina subulata
Sedum brevifolium
Sedum confusum
Sedum rubrotinctum
Senecio mandraliscae
Thymus species
Verbena species
Vinca minor
Vinca minor alba

Gazania species
English Ivy
Iceplant
Lantana
Creeping Mahonia
Iceplant
Iceplant
Myoporum
Mexican Evening Primrose
Evening Primrose
Trailing African Daisy
Ivy Geranium
Trailing Rosemary
Irish Moss
Stonecrop
Stonecrop
Pork and Beans
Blue Chalk Sticks
Thyme
Verbena
Periwinkle
White Periwinkle

Vines

Botanical Name

Bougainvillea species
Calliandra haematocephala
Clematis species
Clytostoma callistegioides
Distictis buccinatoria
Distictis 'Rivers'
Grape species
Hardenbergia comptoniana
Hedera helix
Ipomoea tricolor
Mandevilla hybrids
Pandorea jasminoides
Parthenocissus tricuspidata
Passiflora species
Rosa species
Thunbergia gregorii
Trachelospermum jasminoides
Vitis californica
Wisteria sinensis

Common Name

Bougainvillea
Pink Powder Puff
Clematis species
Violet Trumpet Vine
Blood-red Trumpet Vine
Royal Trumpet Vine
Wine Grapes
Lilac Vine
English Ivy
Morning Glory
Mandevilla
Bower Vine
Boston Ivy
Passion Vine
Climbing Rose types
Orange Clock Vine
Star Jasmine
California Wild Grape
Chinese Wisteria

Succulents and Cacti

Botanical Name

Aeonium species
Agave species
Aloe species
Cereus peruvianus
Crassula argentea
Dudleya species
Echeveria species
Euphorbia species
Kalanchoe blossfeldiana
Opuntia species
Sansevieria trifasciata
Sedum species
Yucca gloriosa

Common Name

Peruvian Apple Cactus
Jade Plant
Hen and Chicks
Kalanchoe
Cacti
Mother-in-law's Tongue
Stonecrop
Spanish Dagger

Palm Trees

Following the 2007 wildfires, it was determined that certain species of palms increased the fire hazard due to tree form and lack of maintenance. Palm Trees that have fibrous tissue (Photograph 1) or leaf bases (Photograph 2) on the trunk shall be planted and maintained 30 feet from the tree's drip line to any combustible structure.

Some examples of tree species with fibrous tissue include:

Chamaerops humilis (Mediterranean Fan Palm)
Phoenix Canariensis (Canary Island Date Palm)
Phoenix Dactylifera (Date Palm)
Phoenix Reclinata (Senegal Date Palm)
Phoenix Roebelenii (Pygmy Date Palm)
Trachycarpus Fortunei (Windmill Palm)

The Washingtonia Robusta (Mexican Fan Palm) is an example of a palm tree with leaf bases.

All dead palm fronds including older leaves that persist on the tree, forming a "skirt" of brown thatch (Photograph 3) shall be removed annually; this requirement applies to palms within 100 feet of any structure or within 30 feet of a driveway or roadway.



Fibrous tissue



Brown thatched skirt



Leaf bases



Fire envelopes a palm tree that was poorly maintained.