Central Oregon Highly Flammable Plant List:
PLANTS THAT WILL IGNITE QUICKLY AND BURN READILY

When living in a Wildfire Hazard Zone, it is recommended that new plantings of these species NOT be used within 5 ft of any structures, fenced outbuildings or decks. This list is NOT all-inclusive as other plants with similar characteristics, such as: low moisture, dry limbs and needles and abundant oils are potentially hazardous. Plant smart and use fire-resistant vegetation to create defensible space around all structures.

**TREES**

- **Acacia** (Acacia sp.)
- **Arborvitae** (Thuja sp.)
- **Cedar** (Cedrus sp.)
- **Cedar/Cypress** (Chamaecyparis sp.)
- **Cypress** (Cupressus sp.)
- **Douglas Fir** (Pseudotsuga menziesi)
- **Fir** (Abies sp.)
- **Hemlock*** (Tsuga sp.)
- **Juniper*** (Juniperus sp.)
- **Pine*** (Pinus sp.)
- **Sequoia** (Sequoia sp.)
- **Spruce** (Picea sp.)
- **Yew** (Taxus sp.)

* When mature and properly limbed, these species are appropriate 5-30 feet from a structure limited to small clusters with adequate spacing.

**SHRUBS**

- **Arborvitae** (Thuja sp.)
- **Bitterbrush** (Purshia tridentata)
- **Deer Brush** (Ceanothus integerrimus)
- **Juniper** (Juniperus sp.)
- **Manzanita*** (Arctostaphylos sp.) *except for Kinnikinnick
- **Rosemary*** (Rosmarinus sp.) *except for ‘Prostratus’
- **Sagebrush** (Artemisia sp.)
- **Scotch Broom** (Cytisus scoparius)

**GRASSES AND GROUND COVER**

- **Dry annual grasses** (Cheatgrass) - Bark mulch - **Pampas grass** (Cortaderia selloana)

Remember, there are **NO fire-proof plants**, but some are more fire-resistant than others. Fire-resistant plants have the following characteristics:

- Are less flammable and likely to ignite in a wildfire
- Are low growing or a small species
- Easy to maintain and prune
- Have an open, loose branching pattern
- Burn less intensely when ignited, and spread the fire slower

- Have high moisture content; succulent plants
- Have stems or leaves that are not resinous, oily or waxy
- Have less accumulated debris and fewer dead branches
- Are drought resistant, requiring less irrigation