

ALL PLANTS WILL BURN!

But some are much less flammable than others when properly maintained

“Firesafe” Plants Have:

- Open, airy growth – you can see through them
- Watery sap (not pitchy, gummy, or resinous)
- Moist, supple leaves
- Broad leaves (rather than needles)
- Little or no fine, dry, twiggy material, thatch, loose bark, or leaf litter

Firesafe Plants Are Also:

- Well-watered, and well-maintained
- Arranged in widely-spaced patches, not continuous beds, to interrupt the spread of fire

Plants and trees that produce fruit, or flowers for bouquets, are usually relatively “fire safe” – except for dense blackberry thickets.

HIGHLY FLAMMABLE PLANTS HAVE:

- Fine foliage (needle-like)
- Pitchy, gummy, resinous sap, or flammable oils
- Large amounts of fine, dry, twiggy material, thatch, leaf litter, or loose, papery bark

Very flammable plants are especially dangerous when:

- arranged in large, continuous beds or patches
- not appropriately watered or properly maintained (dead material not regularly removed).

Juniper, rosemary, lavender, ornamental grasses, mountain misery, and coniferous trees (pines, firs, cedars, etc) are extremely flammable if not properly maintained.

Many drought tolerant native plants are EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE!

The qualities that enable them to survive long, hot, dry summers make them very flammable.