

# Avoid These Flammable Plants



While these plants are very pretty, they are extremely flammable!



French broom  
*Genista monspessulana*  
Scotch broom  
*Cytisus scoparius*  
Spanish broom  
*Spartium junceum*  
Sweet broom  
*Genista stenopetala*



Pampas grass & Jubata Grass  
*Cortaderia selloana, Cortaderia jubata*



Common Juniper  
*Juniperus communis*



Rosemary  
*Rosmarinus officinalis*



California Sagebrush  
*Artemisia californica*

## Other Flammable Plants to Avoid

The following are susceptible to burning, due to rough or peeling bark, production of large amounts of litter, vegetation that contains oils, resin, wax or pitch, large amounts of dead material in the plant, or plantings with a high dead-to-live fuel ratio:



### Trees:

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| Acacia              | Larch                |
| Arbor-Vitae         | Manna Gum Eucalyptus |
| Bald Cypress        | Monterey Pine        |
| Blue Gum Eucalyptus | Palm                 |
| Cedar               | Pepper Tree          |
| Cryptomeria         | Pine                 |
| Cypress             | Spruce               |
| Douglas Fir         | Sugar Gum Eucalyptus |
| Fir                 | Tamarix              |
| Hemlock             | Yew                  |

### Shrubs:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Buckwheat            | Hopseed Bush                      |
| California Sagebrush | Juniper                           |
| Ceanothus            | Red Shanks                        |
| Chamies, Greasewood  | Rosemary                          |
| Coyote Brush         | Scotch/French/Spanish/Sweet Broom |

### Other:

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|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Algerian Ivy | Deer Grasses     | Pampas Grasses   |
| Bamboo       | Fountain Grasses | Pride of Madeira |
| Black Sage   |                  |                  |

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Consider these recommended alternative plants for your garden:



San Diego sedge  
*Carex spissa*



Cape thatching reed  
*Eligia tectorum*



Jerusalem sage  
*Phlomis fruticosa*

Winter Jasmine—*yellow flowers in winter*

Cornelian-Cherry Dogwood—*yellow flowers in spring, purple berries in fall*

Golden Currant—*yellow flowers spring, edible berries for jams and jellies*

Jerusalem Sage—*yellow flowers in spring and summer*

Shrub Hypericum—*yellow flowers summer and fall*

San Diego Sedge—*yellow grass-like flowers in spring*

Cape Thatching Reed—*brown flowers in summer/fall*

Bigelow's Bear Grass—*white flowers in summer*