



# Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Office of the Fire Marshall

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## FIRE-RESISTANT GROUND COVER

Fire-resistant landscaping requires careful plant selection, placement, spacing, and maintenance to help resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire-resistant plants are usually easier to maintain and more naturally resistant to igniting from flames and embers. These plants are NOT “fireproof” and all require irrigation and frequent maintenance to resist ignition.

### Fire-Resistant Plant Characteristics

- Tend to have leaves, not needles.
- Leaves tend to be supple, moist and easily crushed with minimal buildup of dead material.
- Sap is water-like and typically does not have a strong odor.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Common Name(s)</u>	<u>Form</u>
Achillea tomentosa	Woolly Yarrow	Cover
Ajuga reptans	Carpet Bugle	Cover
Armeria maritima	Common Thrift	Cover
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow-in-Summer	Cover
Coprosma kirkii	Creeping Coprosma	Cover
Delosperma "Alba"	White Trailing Iceplant	Cover
Drosanthemum sp.	Rosea Ice Plant	Cover
Eounymus Fortunei coloratus	Winter Creeper	Cover
Erigeron glaucus	Beach Aster	Cover
Festuca rubra	Creeping Red Fescue	Grass, Cover
Fragaria chiloensis	Beach Strawberry	Cover
Fragaria vesca	Wood Strawberry	Cover

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Lampranthus spp.	Bush Ice Plant	Cover
Iberis sempervirens	Evergreen Candytuft	Cover
Liriope gigantea	Giant Turf Lily	Cover
Pelargonium peltatum	Ivy Geranium	Cover
Phyla nodiflora	Common Lippia	Cover
Potentilla neumanniana	Alpine Cinquefoil	Cover
Santolina chamaecyparissus	Lavender Cotton	Cover
Santolina virens	Green Lavender Cotton	Cover
Sedum sp.	Stonecrop	Cover
Senecio serpens, mandralisce, vitalis	Blue chalksticks	Cover
Thymus praecox arcticus	Creeping Thyme	Cover
Verbena peruviana	Perennial Verbena	Cover

For more information visit Diablo Fire Safe Council, Plants with Favorable Fire Performance Ratings:  
<http://www.diablofiresafe.org/tolerance.html>