

# Choosing the Right Plants: A Buyer's Guide



## Fire-Resistant Plants

Selecting native plants suited to the characteristics of your site will help ensure you have the most vibrant healthy landscape possible. Most native plants require little or no watering and are less susceptible to stress.

### **Characteristics of Fire-Resistant Plants**

- High leaf moisture, low oil content
- Little seasonal accumulation of dead vegetation
- Open, loose branching habit
- Non-resinous woody material, avoid junipers
- Better drought tolerance

### Drought-Resistant Plants

#### Trees

Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*)  
Shore Pine (*Pinus contorta*)  
Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

#### Shrubs

Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)  
Shrubby Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)  
Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)  
Ocean Spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)  
Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)  
Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*)  
Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)  
Tall Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)  
Low Oregon Grape (*Mahonia nervosa*)

#### Groundcovers

Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-vrsi*)

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#### Trees

Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*)  
Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)  
Birch (*Betula papyrifera*)  
Kousa dogwood (*Cornus kousa*)  
Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*)  
Pacific Crabapple (*Malus fusca*)  
Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)  
White Oak (*Quercus garryana*)

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Tall Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)  
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Shrubby Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)  
Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*)  
Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)  
Pacific Rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*)  
Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana*)  
Peafruit Rose (*Rosa pisocarpa*)  
Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)

#### Groundcovers

Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-vrsi*)  
\*Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*)  
\* Kept to a maximum height of 3 Feet.