



# Firewise Landscaping IN TENNESSEE

## Incorporate Firewise plants into your landscape:

- Select the “right plant for the right place” by choosing plants that are adapted to the specific conditions where they are to be planted. It is recommended planting native plants to Tennessee whenever possible. If you need more information, consult nursery personnel for guidance.
- Consider plant flammability. The plants shown below are provided to give a general overview of what kinds of plants are flammable. Plants are listed in alphabetical order within each category (trees, shrubs, ground cover) - not by their intensity of flammability.
- Remember, there are no “fireproof” plants. All plants and organic mulches burn under dry conditions. It is best to have a 3-5 foot distance around structures without anything that will burn- use decorative rocks, gravel, pavers, etc. Periodically remove dead or diseased material from plants. Pruning can increase a plant’s fire resistance.
- Planting the right plants and clearing away naturally growing vegetation is important. However, there are additional simple things that can be done to make your home more Firewise. For a wealth of information for homes and entire communities go to the Firewise section of the [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org) website.

## MORE FLAMMABLE

**GENERAL RULES FOR MORE FLAMMABLE PLANTS.** Trees in this category should be at least 30 feet from the structure and widely spaced so there is more than 15 feet between the crowns. Shrubs should be no closer than 15 feet and widely spaced. Ground covers should be no closer than 5 feet-farther if siding is relatively flammable or ground cover is over 1 foot high.



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Arborvitae



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Bald Cypress



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Eastern Redcedar



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Hemlock



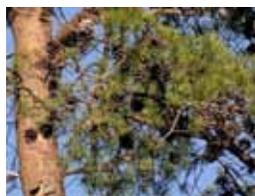
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Hollies



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Leyland Cypress



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Pines



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Pine Regeneration



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Azaleas



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Boxwood



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Mountain Laurel



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Rhododendron



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Yew



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Vines (Vertical)



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Dead Grass

The plants shown in this publication were categorized using various publications related to plant flammability, coupled with the personal experience of Tennessee wildfire professionals. To estimate the flammability of plant species not shown here, see “Preparing a Firewise Plant List for WUI Residents” at [www.interfacesouth.org/products/fact\\_sheets/Preparing\\_Firewise\\_Plant\\_List.pdf](http://www.interfacesouth.org/products/fact_sheets/Preparing_Firewise_Plant_List.pdf) or <http://www.interfacesouth.org/products/decision-support-systems/flammability-key.html>

# LESS FLAMMABLE

**GENERAL RULES FOR LESS FLAMMABLE PLANTS.** Keep mature, less-flammable trees for shade. Crowns can be touching. Shrubs should be no closer than 6 feet. Ground covers should be no closer than 5 feet-farther if siding is relatively flammable or ground cover is over 1 foot high.



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**Crape Myrtle**



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**Flowering Dogwood**



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**Fringetree**



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**Ginkgo**



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**Hickory**



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**Magnolia**



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**Maples**



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**Oaks**



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**Red Bud**



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**Tulip Poplar**



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**Serviceberry**



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**Smoketree**



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**Beautyberry**



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**Butterfly Bush**



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**Firethorn**



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**Forsythia**



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**Native Honeysuckle**



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**Hydrangea**



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**Strawberry Bush**



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**Sweetspire**



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**Viburnum**



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**Weigela**



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**Winterberry**



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**Witchhazel**



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**Liriope**



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**Monkeygrass**



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**Pachysandra**



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**Periwinkle**

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