

Fire-Prone Plants



Common native and non-native fire-prone plant species in Marin County, CA. FIRE Safe MARIN recommends removal of any plants marked "Remove" within 100' of any structure in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Plants marked "Avoid" should not be planted, should be removed if possible, and require greater maintenance and care if allowed to remain in the Defensible Space Zone.

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Lifeform	Recommendation	Native?
1	<i>Abies spp.</i>	Firs	Tree	Remove	
2	<i>Acacia spp.</i>	Acacia species	Tree	Remove	
3	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise, Greasewood	Shrub	Remove	X
4	<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	Manzanita	Shrub	Remove	
5	<i>Artemisia californica</i>	Coastal Sagebrush	Shrub	Avoid	X
6	<i>Baccharis spp.</i>	Coyote Brush	Shrub	Remove	X
7	<i>Bamboo</i>	Bamboo, all species	Shrub, Grass	Remove	
8	<i>Cedrus spp.</i>	Cedars	Tree	Avoid	
9	<i>Chamaecyparis spp.</i>	False Cypress	Tree	Avoid	
10	<i>Chrysolepis chrysophylla</i>	Chinquapin, Giant	Shrub, Tree	Avoid	X
11	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	Jubata Grass	Grass	Remove	
12	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas Grass	Grass	Remove	
13	<i>Cupressus spp.</i>	Cypress	Tree	Remove	
14	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom	Shrub	Remove	
15	<i>Erigonum fasciculatum</i>	California Buckwheat	Shrub	Avoid	
16	<i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>	Eucalyptus	Tree	Remove	
17	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	French Broom	Shrub	Remove	
18	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>	Junipers	Tree, Shrub	Remove	
19	<i>Larix spp.</i>	Larch	Tree	Avoid	
20	<i>Notholithocarpus</i>	Tan Oak, Tanbark Oak	Tree	Remove	X

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21	<i>Palms</i>	Palm (if dry fronds)	Tree	Avoid	
22	<i>Pennisetum spp.</i>	Fountain Grass	Grass	Remove	
23	<i>Picea spp.</i>	Spruces	Tree	Remove	
24	<i>Pickeringia montana</i>	Chaparral Pea	Shrub	Avoid	X
25	<i>Pinus attenuata</i>	Knobcone Pine	Tree	Remove	
26	<i>Pinus coulteri</i>	Coulter Pine	Tree	Remove	
27	<i>Pinus muricata</i>	Bishop Pine	Tree	Remove	X
28	<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey Pine	Tree	Remove	
29	<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	Gray Pine	Tree	Remove	
30	<i>Pinus serotina</i>	Pond Pine	Tree	Remove	X
31	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	Tree	Remove	
32	<i>Pinus torreyana</i>	Torrey Pine	Tree	Remove	
33	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas-Fir	Tree	Avoid	X
34	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	Scrub Oaks	Shrub	Avoid	X
35	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Shrub	Remove	
36	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black Sage	Shrub	Avoid	
37	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish Broom	Shrub	Remove	
38	<i>Taxus spp.</i>	Yew	Tree, Shrub	Avoid	
39	<i>Thuja spp.</i>	Arborvitae	Tree	Remove	
40	<i>Tsuga spp.</i>	Hemlock	Tree	Remove	
41	<i>Ulex europea</i>	Gorse	Shrub	Remove	
42	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California Bay	Tree	Remove	X
43	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	Evergreen Huckleberry	Shrub	Avoid	X