



# Fire-resistant Landscape Plants for the Puget Sound Basin

*The path to the future is through the forest*

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



*Rhododendron macrophyllum*

## Characteristics of Fire-resistant Plants

- Little seasonal accumulation of dead vegetation
- Open, loose branching habit
- Non-resinous if woody

Retention of resinous trees such as cedar, spruce, fir and pine can increase the intensity and rate of spread of wildfire. Special care in placement, spacing and pruning are needed if they are planted within 30 feet of the home.

## TREES

*Acer* spp.  
*Alnus* spp.  
*Betula* spp.  
*Cornus* spp.  
*Fraxinus latifolia*  
*Malus* spp.  
*Populus* spp.  
*Prunus* spp.  
*Quercus* spp.  
*Salix* spp.

## common name

Maple  
 Alder  
 Birch  
 Flowering dogwood  
 Oregon ash  
 Crab-apple  
 Cottonwood, aspen  
 Cherry  
 Oak  
 Willow



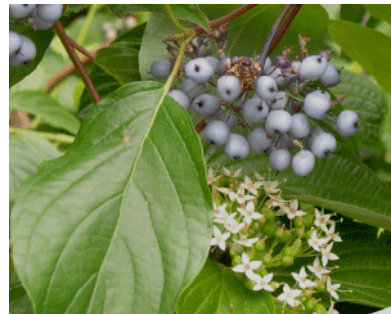
*Prunus emarginata*/bitter cherry

## SHRUBS

*Acer circinatum*  
*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  
*Amelanchier* spp.  
*Berberis* spp.  
*Cladanthamnus pyroliflorus*  
*Ceanothus* spp.  
*Cornus stolonifera*

## common name

Vine maple  
 Kinnikinnick  
 Serviceberry  
 Oregon Grape  
 Copperbrush  
 Snowbrush or redstem  
 Red osier dogwood



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*Crataegus douglasii*  
*Gaultheria shallon*  
*Gaultheria ovatifolia*  
*Holodiscus discolor*  
*Linnaea borealis*  
*Lonicera ciliosa*  
*Lonicera involucrata*  
*Mahonia* spp.  
*Menziesia ferruginea*  
*Oemleria cerasiformis*  
*Oplopanax horridus*  
*Pachistima myrsintea*  
*Philadelphus* spp.  
*Physocarpus capitatus*  
*Rhamnus purshiana*  
*Rhododendron* spp.  
*Ribes* spp.  
*Rosa* spp.  
*Rubus* spp.

Black hawthorn  
 Salal  
 Oregon wintergreen  
 Oceanspray  
 Twinflower  
 Orange honeysuckle  
 Black twinberry  
 Oregon Grape  
 False azalea  
 Indian-plum  
 Devil's club  
 Mountain boxwood  
 Mock orange  
 Pacific ninebark  
 Cascara  
 Azaleas, rhododendrons  
 Currant  
 Nootka or baldhip rose  
 Raspberry, blackberry, salmonberry  
 Red elderberry  
 Soapberry, buffaloberry  
 Sitka mountain-ash  
 Snowberry  
 Huckleberry, blueberry  
 Highbush-cranberry  
 American bush cranberry

*Sambucus racemosa*  
*Shepherdia canadensis*  
*Sorbus sitchensis*  
*Symphoricarpos albus*  
*Vaccinium* spp.  
*Viburnum edule*  
*Viburnum trilobum*



**King County**

**PERENNIALS**

	common name
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Allium</i> spp.	Chives, onion
<i>Brodiaea</i> spp.	Lilies
<i>Camassia quamash</i>	Common camas
<i>Clintonia uniflora</i>	Queen's cup
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp.	Coreopsis
<i>Erysimum</i> spp.	Wall flower
<i>Erythronium</i> spp.	Lilies
<i>Eschscholzia</i> spp.	California poppy
<i>Fragaria</i> spp.	Wild strawberries
<i>Fritillaria</i> spp.	Lilies
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	Geranium
<i>Heuchera</i> spp.	Alumroot, coral bells
<i>Hosta</i> spp.	Hosta
<i>Iris</i> spp.	Iris
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red hot poker
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	Lupine
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	False lily-of-the-valley
<i>Oenothera</i> spp.	Evening primrose
Orchidaceae	Native genera
<i>Penstemon</i> spp.	Beard tongue
<i>Saxifraga</i> spp.	Various native saxifraga
<i>Sisyrinchium</i> spp.	Various eyed-grasses
<i>Smilacina</i> spp.	Solomon's-seal
<i>Solidago</i> spp.	Goldenrod
<i>Streptopus</i> spp.	Twistedstalk
<i>Strachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's ear
<i>Trillium ovatum</i>	Trillium
<i>Veratrum viride</i>	Indian hellebore

*Trillium ovatum**Adiantum pedatum*/maidenhair fern**GROUNDCOVERS****Succulents:***Echeveria* spp.*Sedum* spp.**Non-succulents:***Achillea tomentosa**Ajuga reptans**Arctostaphylos uva-ursi**Armeria maritima**Cerastium tomentosa**Cotoneaster dammeri**Euonymus fortunei**Potentilla* spp.*Senecio cineraria**Thymus praecox arcticus**Verbenia bipinnatifida***common name**

Hens &amp; chicks

Stone crops

Wolly yarrow

Carpet bugle

Kinnikinnick

Sea pink; thrift

Snow in summer

Bearberry cotoneaster

Winter creeper

Cinquefoil

Dusty miller

Mother of thyme

Verbenia

**Resources:**

Washington Native Plant Society, 6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 215E, Seattle, WA 98115,

<http://www.wnps.org/>

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