

# Quick Guide to Firewise Shrubs

## How to incorporate Firewise shrubs into your landscape:

- Select the “right plant for the right place,” by choosing plants that are well adapted to the specific conditions where they are to be planted. Also consider the shrub’s flammability characteristics.
- **Highly flammable** shrubs should be planted beyond the defensible space, 30 feet or more from the house.
- **Moderately flammable** shrubs may be planted in isolated landscape beds within the defensible space, at least 15 feet from the house.
- **Low flammability** shrubs can be planted within the defensible space, 6 feet or more from the house.
- Conduct routine landscape maintenance, such as pruning shrubs, to maintain vertical and horizontal separation from other plants.
- Periodically remove dead or diseased plant material from plants within your home landscape.
- Remember, there are no “fireproof” plants. All plants and organic mulches burn in extreme weather or fire conditions.

### Did you know you can select shrubs based on their flammability?

Researchers at the USDA Forest Service, University of Florida, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology have developed flammability categories to indicate how easily and intensely a shrub will burn.

## Moderate Flammability

Use cautiously in isolated landscape beds within the defensible space, 15 feet or more from the house.

## High Flammability

Plant these shrubs 30 feet or more away from the house. Maintain them regularly.



Joseph A. Marcus  
**Ashe juniper**  
*Juniperus ashei*



Eurico Zimbres  
**Azalea**  
*Azalea obtusum*



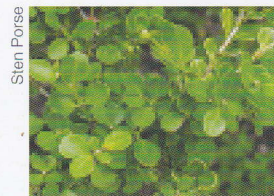
Missouri Botanical Garden  
**Blue holly**  
*Ilex x meservea*



J. S. Peterson  
**Chinese juniper**  
*Juniperus chinensis*



Ted Bodner  
**Dwarf yaupon**  
*Ilex vomitoria*



Sten Porse  
**Boxwood**  
*Buxus microphylla*  
var. *koreana*



Wouter Hagens  
**Glossy abelia**  
*Abelia x grandiflora*



Kurt Stueber  
**Leyland cypress**  
*Cupressocyparis leylandii*



Ted Bodner  
**Gallberry**  
*Ilex glabra*



Ted Bodner  
**Mountain laurel**  
*Kalmia latifolia*



J. S. Peterson  
**Pipstem**  
*Agarista populifolia*



Boris Bauer  
**Rhododendron**  
*Rhododendron*  
*x chionoides*