



Ventura County Fire Department

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Fire & Life Safety Information ***“Fire Safe Landscaping Information”***

The following plant materials are recommended by Ventura County Fire Department:

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME
1.	Arctotheca calendula	Cape Weed
2.	Lampranthus spectabilis	Trailing Ice Plant
3.	Myoporum parvifolium	Prostate Myoporum
4.	Delosperma “Alba”	White Trailing Ice Plant
5.	Ceanothus gloriosus “Anchor Bay”	Anchor Bay Ceanothus
6.	Salvia “Dara’s Choice”	Salvia “Dara’s Choice”
7.	Baccharis pilularis “Twin Peaks”	Dwarf Coyote Bush
8.	Osteospermum fruticosum	Trailing African Daisy
9.	Vinca minor	Dwarf Periwinkle
10.	Gazania rigeno leucolaena	Trailing Gazania

Compiled by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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The following plant materials are recommended by Ventura County Fire as fire retardant plants for landscaping:

Arctotheca calendula - Cape Weed

Growth Habit: rapidly spreading ground cover less than 1' tall
Flower: Yellow daisy like, 2" across; flowers most of the year; peak flowering time is from March through June
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: little or no water once established
Soil: grows in most soil types; good on hillsides

Lampranthus spectabilis - Trailing Ice Plant

Growth Habit: sprawling or trailing to 1' tall and 1 1/2' to 2' wide
Flower: profuse and brilliantly colored carpet of 2" to 2 1/2" wide flowers during March through May; flower color available in pink, rose pink, red to purple; flowers attract bees
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: requires little or no summer watering, drought tolerant
Characteristics: fleshy ice plant leaves

Myoporum parvifolium - Prostate Myoporum

Growth Habit: evergreen ground cover; bright green, 1/2" to 1" leaves densely cover plant; branches root where stems touch moist ground; plants grow to 3" high, 9" wide
Flower: 1/2" wide white summer flowers; not showy; leaves densely cover plant; branch roots where stems touch moist ground
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: somewhat drought resistant; some summer watering; excellent erosion control

Delosperma "Alba" - White Trailing Ice Plant

Habit: height 6" to 8" dwarf, spreading, rooting freely from stems
Flower: small white flower attracts bees but not showy
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: no water near coast; some water inland
Soil: good ground and bank cover
Characteristics: fleshy leaves, fire resistant

Ceanothus gloriosus "Anchor Bay" - Anchor Bay Ceanothus

Growth Habit: low growing shrub, 1' to 1- 1/2' tall, 6' to 8' wide; very dense foliage
Flower: small cluster of deep blue flowers in the spring
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: no watering near coast, some inland, very drought tolerant

Salvia "Dara's Choice" - Salvia "Dara's Choice"

Growth Habit: sprawling, mat-forming plant up to 16" tall; spreads wide, with hairy leaves
Flower: lilac to blue in erect clusters
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: requires some water in summer

Baccharis pilularis "Twin Peaks" - Dwarf Coyote Bush

Growth Habit: dense, rather billowy, bright green mat; 8" to 24" high and spreading to 6' or more; small dark green leaves
Flower: tiny white flowers occasionally
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: no watering needed near coast; inland needs water monthly
Soil: very dependable bank and flatland cover for low maintenance areas; excellent for erosion control

Osteospermum fruticosum - Trailing African Daisy

Growth Habit: spreads rapidly by trailing, rooting branches; plants grow 6" to 12" tall
Flower: blooms intermittently during the year, most heavily from Nov. to March; flower heads up to 2" across; petals are lilac above, dark purple center
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: needs moderate watering
Soil: good ground and slope cover; excellent for erosion control; very good fire resistance; needs well drained soil

Vinca minor - Dwarf Periwinkle

Growth Habit: low growing and spreads; dark glossy leaves
Flower: lavender blue, 1" across
Sun Exposure: prefers shade or semi-shade
Watering: 2 to 3 good soakings per month
Soil: excellent for erosion control; can grow on up to 60% slope

Gazania rigens leucolaena - Trailing Gazania

Growth Habit: height 6" to 10"; low growing; spreading rapidly by long trailing stems; foliage is silvery gray
Flower: daisy like flower; colors are yellow, white, orange or bronze; flowers late spring to early summer
Sun Exposure: full sun
Watering: needs occasional summer watering
Soil: grows well in any soil; suitable as a bank cover

Highly Flammable Plants

These plants are among those known for the amount of dead fuel that accumulates in them, and the high oil, high resin, or low moisture content of their leaves and branches.

TREES

Acacia " Arborvitae

California bay " Cedar " Cypress " Douglas fir

Eucalyptus globulus " E. Viminalis " E. Camaldulensis " E. Rudis

Fir " Juniper " Palm Pine " Spruce " Yew

GRASSES, SHRUBS, GROUND COVERS

California buckwheat " California sagebrush " Chamise or greasewood

Dry annual grasses " Juniper " Laurel sumac " Manzanita

Pampas grass " Rosemary " Scotch broom " Scrub oak

Spanish broom " Sugar bush " Toyon

All plants are flammable if not pruned periodically, and the risk attached to any one plant can be greatly diminished with maintenance.

Hazardous Native Brush

	LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME
1.	Adenostoma fasciculatum	chamise or greasewood
2.	Artemisia californica	california sagebrush
3.	Baccharis viminea	mule fat
4.	Cercocarpus betuloides	mountain mahogany
5.	Cytisus monsepuessulanus	spanish broom
6.	Eriogonum fasciculatum	california buckwheat
7.	Lonicera johnstonii	southern honeysuckle
8.	Quercus demosa	california scrub oak
9.	Rhus diversiloba	poison oak
10.	Ricinus communis	castor bean
11.	Salvia apiana	white sage
12.	Salvia leucophylla	purple sage
13.	Salvia mellifera	black sage