

Flammable Grasses

Ornamental Grasses
Indian Ricegrass
(shown)

other flammable grass
Feather Reed Grass
Switch Grass
Fountain Grass
Big Bluestem
Great Basin Wildrye



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Alternative Grasses

Sheep Fescue
Festuca ovina
(shown)

Bluebunch Wheatgrass
Buffalograss
Canada Bluegrass
Crested Wheatgrass
Kentucky Bluegrass



Flammable Grasses

Ornamental Grasses
Squirreltail Grass
(shown)

other flammable grass
Maiden Grass
Little Bluestem
Needle & Thread
Sand Dropseed



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Alternative Grasses

Blue Grama
Bouteloua gracilis
(shown)

Idaho Fescue
Creeping Red Fescue
Sandberg Bluegrass
Zoysiagrass



Flammable Shrub

Sagebrush
Artemisia tridentata

High oil content
Drought tolerant
3-5' tall



Alternative Shrub

Saltbush
Atriplex canescens

High salt content
Drought tolerant
4-6' tall



Flammable Shrub

Juniper
Juniperus spp.

High resin content
Medium water needs
Variable height



Alternative Shrub

Ron Williams Fineline Buckthorn
Rhamnus frangula 'Ron Williams'

Medium soap content
Medium water needs
5-7' tall



Flammable Shrub

Hedge Juniper
Juniperus spp.

High resin content
Medium water needs
4-6' tall



Alternative Shrub

Buckley's Quill Mockorange
Philadelphus hybrid 'Buckley's Quill'

High soap content
Drought tolerant
4-5' tall, shrub

Dwarf relative of
Idaho's State Flower



Flammable Shrub

Creeping Juniper
Juniperus horizontalis

High resin content
Medium water needs
1' tall, creeping shrub



Alternative Shrub

Autumn Amber Sumac
Rhus trilobata 'Autumn Amber'

High moisture content
Drought tolerant
1' tall, creeping shrub



Flammable Perennial

Russian Sage
Perovskia atriplicifolia

High resin content
Medium water needs
3-5' tall



Alternative Perennial

Walker's Low Catmint
Nepeta x faassenii 'Walker's Low'

Low resin content
Drought tolerant
2' tall



The flammability chart below illustrates different types of plants and their relative fire resistance.

