

Georgia's Most Flammable & Less Flammable Plants, Shrubs, Grasses, Ground Covers and Trees

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Plants & Shrubs

High Flammability

Chinese Juniper
Dwarf Yaupon
Gallberry/Inkberry
Mountain Laurel
Shrubs with many layers of leaves and small branches
Pine Straw Mulch

Moderate Flammability

Ashe Juniper	Foster Holly (tree)
Hershey's Red Azalea	Gardenia
Blue Holly	Klein's Forsythia
Boxwood	Oakleaf Hydrangea
Glossy Abelia	Oleander
Leyland Cypress (often tree size)	Pittosporum
Pipestem	Rosebay Rhododendron
Rhododendron	Scarlet Firethorn
Ornamental Grasses	Shrubby Cinquefoil
Anisetree	Sweet Pepperbush
Arrowwood	Shrubs with open, loose branching and few leaves
Bayberry	Vines (Jasmine, Potato, Honeysuckle)
Beautyberry	Walter's Viburnum
Bigleaf Hydrangea	Weigela
Butterfly Bush	
Camellia	
Winterberry	

Lower Flammability

Ice Plant
Stonecrops (Sedum)
Aloe
Yarrow
Sage
Bearberry (ground cover)
Lupines
Penstemon
Lawn Grass (ground cover)

Trees

High Flammability

Pines
Cedars
Hemlocks
Broadleaf Palms

Trees with small, needle-like leaves; with thin leaves, with dead leaves or limbs; with presence of oils, resins
Unhealthy Plants

Lower Flammability

Maples
Walnut
Ash
Alder
Buckeye
Oaks
Hickories
Ornamental Plum
Crape Myrtle
Some Azaleas
Most Deciduous Trees
Magnolia
Self-Pruning Trees
Hollies
Redbud