



— THE DIGGERS CLUB —

Gardening to reduce

YOUR RISK OF FIRE



Garden design

PLAN AND PLANT TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF PROPERTY LOSS DURING A BUSHFIRE

There are many garden design strategies and plants that could help to protect your home during bush fire. Of course, sometimes nature will have her way regardless, but some plants are undeniably more flammable than others.



WHEN DESIGNING A GARDEN IN A BUSHFIRE AREA, CONSIDER:



1. DESIGN

Create a garden with a defensible space around your home as well as a bushfire buffer. The inner zone consists of shorter plants while the outer zone is a hedge or feature trees to act as a fire buffer.

2. PLANT CHOICE

- i. Use plants with high water content to reduce and slow the spread of fire.
- ii. Use trees or hedges, where possible to reduce wind speed, radiant heat and to filter embers.



Evergreen Hedges

Hedges are more than just windbreaks. If sited correctly, composed of low-flammable species and kept maintained, they can help to slow the progression of a fire, reduce ember attack and provide separation between the fire front and your garden and home.



CODE: WCITSE

SEVILLE ORANGE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 2m x 2m
 Value: Edible fruit in winter
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WBAN

NARROW-LEAFED BAY

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10m x 7m
 Value: Edible foliage
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WFIHI

HILL'S FIG

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10m x 4m
 Value: Ornamental foliage
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WTEA

WHITE TEA PLANT

Position: Full sun / Part shade
 Size: 1m x 60cm
 Value: Flowers Apr-Jun/Edible leaves
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WPIT

SWEET PITTOSPORUM

Position: Full sun
 Size: 5m x 4m
 Value: Flowers Aug-Sep
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WMAC

MACADAMIA

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10m x 8m
 Value: Edible nuts in autumn
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WAVLH

AVOCADO

Position: Full sun
 Size: 3m x 3m
 Value: Edible fruit from spring
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WPIG

FEIJOA

Position: Full sun
 Size: 4m x 3m
 Value: Edible fruit in autumn
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen

Deciduous Hedges

Deciduous trees can offer protection from hot summer winds while in leaf, but open up the garden during winter, when warm winds help to keep frosts at bay. Fruit trees are ideal in this zone, acting as a firebreak as well as a productive orchard.



CODE: WPIS

CHINESE PISTACHIO

Position: Full sun
 Size: 12m x 5m
 Value: Ornamental berries
 Water: Thirsty
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WCHLA

CHERRY

Position: Full sun
 Size: 3m x 3m
 Value: Edible fruit in Summer
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WAPPI

APPLE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 3m x 2m
 Value: Edible fruit in autumn
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WHYP

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA

Position: Part shade
 Size: 2m x 1.5m
 Value: Flowers Jan-Apr
 Water: Thirsty
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WPECO

PEAR

Position: Full sun
 Size: 3m x 3m
 Value: Edible fruit from autumn
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WPOWO

POMEGRANATE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 5m x 4m
 Value: Fruit from Feb-May
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WHAEB

HAZELNUT

Position: Full sun
 Size: 4m x 4m
 Value: Edible nuts in autumn
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: RMULP

ROSA MULTIFLORA 'PINK'

Position: Full sun
 Size: 5m x 3m
 Value: Flowers Sep-Nov
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous

Feature Trees

Trees have many purposes within the garden, from creating cooling shade to providing colour, form and structure. When positioned between hedging and your home, they can help to trap embers, preventing their spread.



CODE: WBOT

QUEENSLAND BOTTLE TREE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 12m x 8m
 Value: Ornamental & Flowers
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Semi-deciduous



CODE: WARO

ARGENTINE OMBU

Position: Full sun
 Size: 18m x 15m
 Value: Feature trunk & Shade
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: S449

BOAB

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10m x 5m
 Value: Feature trunk
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WNAF

NATIVE FRANGIPANI

Position: Full sun/Part-shade
 Size: 12m x 6m
 Value: Flowers Sep - Nov
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WFLT

FLAME TREE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 15m x 3m
 Value: Flowers & Foliage
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WALO

ALGERIAN OAK

Position: Full sun
 Size: 20m x 15m
 Value: Ornamental
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WWHC

WHITE CEDAR

Position: Full sun
 Size: 9m x 6m
 Value: Tolerant of all soils
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Deciduous



CODE: WOASW

SWAMP OAK

Position: Full sun
 Size: 12m x 8m
 Value: Ornamental & Shade
 Water: Seasonal
 Type: Deciduous

Defendable Space

The defendable space is the area adjacent to your home. This should be planted with low-growing plants, shrubs and ground covers, which will help to extinguish fire rather than acting as a ramp to your home.



CODE: PALFP

ALOE 'FAIRY PINK'

Position: Full sun/Part-shade
Size: 20cm x 20cm
Value: Flowers Feb - May
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Evergreen



CODE: PSEAU

SEDUM 'AUTUMN JOY'

Position: Full sun
Size: 60cm x 50cm
Value: Flowers Jan - Apr
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Herbaceous perennial



CODE: PCLMY

CLIVIA 'CREAM'

Position: Full sun
Size: 75cm x 60cm
Value: Flowers in shade
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Evergreen



CODE: WAGS

AGAVE 'SILVER TRIM'

Position: Full sun/Part-shade
Size: 1m x 1.5m
Value: Foliage
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Evergreen



CODE: PEUW

EUPHORBIA WULFENII

Position: Full sun
Size: 1.5m x 80cm
Value: Flowers May-Sep
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Evergreen



CODE: PLAH

ENGLISH LAVENDER 'HIDCOTE'

Position: Full sun
Size: 50cm x 50cm
Value: Flowers Oct-Feb
Water: Drought tolerant
Type: Evergreen



CODE: PVAW

WHITE VALERIAN

Position: Full sun
Size: 80cm x 50cm
Value: Flowers Oct-Feb
Water: Drought-tolerant
Type: Perennial



CODE: PWOV

WORMWOOD 'VALERIE FINNIS'

Position: Full sun
Size: 40cm x 60cm
Value: Flowers Dec-Jan
Water: Drought-tolerant
Type: Herbaceous perennial

Living Mulch

Mulch is critical to the success of Australian gardens, especially in areas of low water. Living mulches and ground covers help protect the soil and soil microbes from extremes of heat, as well as acting as a weed suppressing mat.



CODE: PCOOR

COTYLEDON ORBICULATA SILVER

Position: Full sun
 Size: 30cm x 70cm
 Value: Silver foliage
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WROS

ROCK SAMPHIRE

Position: Full sun
 Size: 50cm x 50cm
 Value: Edible foliage
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: WECVQ

ECHEVERIA 'VIOLET QUEEN'

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10cm x 30cm
 Value: Spreading foliage
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: PSERU

JELLY BEAN PLANT

Position: Full sun
 Size: 20cm x 30cm
 Value: Living mulch
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: PAPT

BABY SUN ROSE

Position: Full sun/Part-shade
 Size: 10cm x 1m
 Value: Living mulch
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: PGAZR

GAZANIA

Position: Full sun
 Size: 20cm x 30cm
 Value: Flowers Oct-Dec
 Water: Drought tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: PKAP

KALANCHOE PUMILA

Position: Full sun
 Size: 20cm x 35cm
 Value: Flowers Jul-Nov
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



CODE: PSERE

BLUE CHALK STICKS

Position: Full sun
 Size: 10cm x 60cm
 Value: Blue foliage
 Water: Drought-tolerant
 Type: Evergreen



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Note: Not all plants are available all year. Simply add to your wishlist and you will be sent a notification when they are back in stock.

