

Photo Guide to the OVA Do Not Plant List for the 0-5 Foot Defensible Space Zone

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There are over 30 genera of plants on the OVA Do Not Plant List that include over 3,000 species and cultivars.

This Photo guide will only be illustrating the genera and species on the OVA Do Not Plant List that are the Most Fire Hazardous and that are found in the 0-5 foot defensible zone around Oakmont homes.

Trees

**Any tree that is in the 0-5 foot defensible space zone
presents a fire hazard to a home.**

**We can only recommend that a tree not
on the OVA Do Not Plant List be removed
from the 0-5 foot zone.**

**The following photos show the most common
fire hazardous trees
on the OVA Do Not Plant List
that are required to be removed
in the 0-5 foot zone by August 31, 2021.**

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Arborvitae (*Thuja* spp.)



American arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Emerald')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Australian tea tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*)



0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Cedar (*Cedrus* spp.)



Weeping Atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica* 'Pendula')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Cypress (*Cupressus* spp.)



Italian cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

False cypress (*Chamaecyparis* spp.)



Hinoki cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

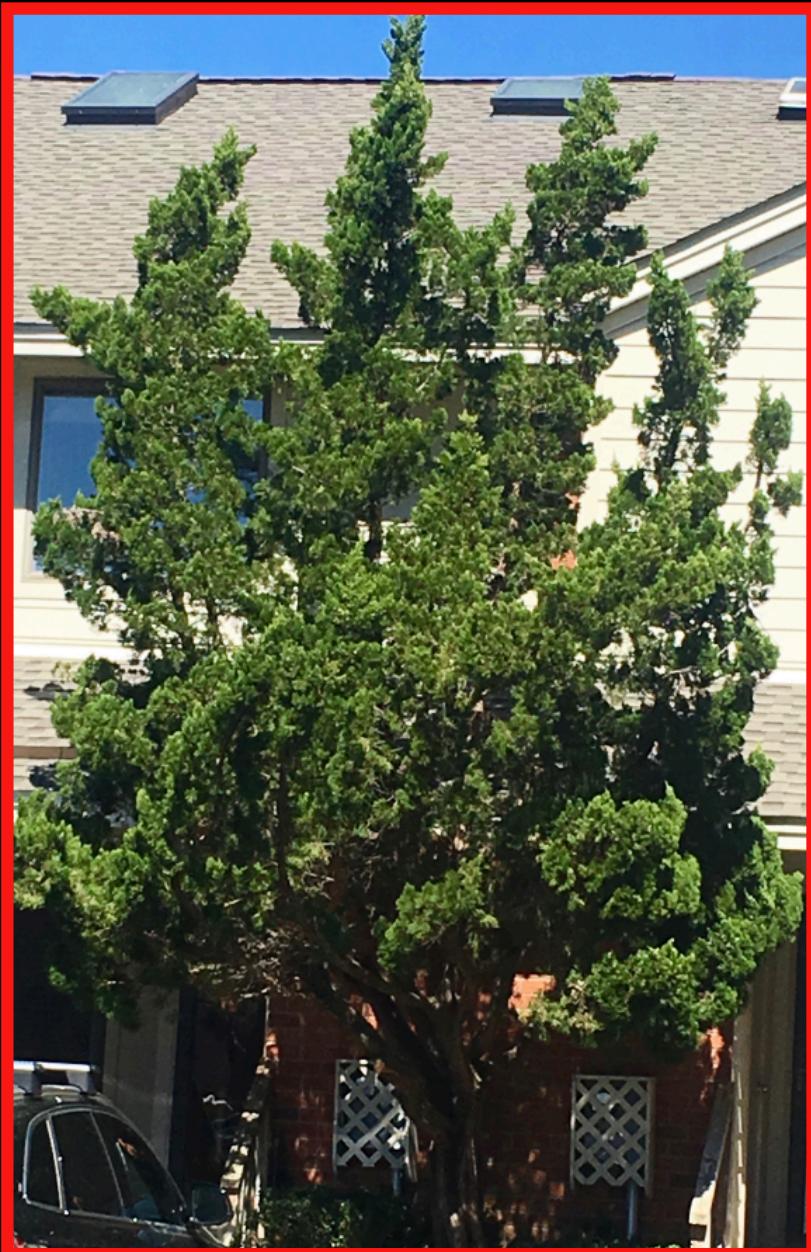


Boulevard cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Cyano-Viridis')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

(Note: All junipers will need to be removed by August 31, 2022)

Juniper (*Juniperus* spp.)



Hollywood juniper (*Juniperus torulosa*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only **Leyland cypress (*Cupressus x leyandii*)**



0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Palms (All 181 genera)

(It is the dry fronds that are a fire danger.)



Canary Island date palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)



Mediterranean fan palm (*Chamaerops humilis*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Mexican fan palm (*Washingtonia robusta*)



unstripped fronds



stripped fronds

0 to 5-foot Zone Only



1 x 717

Windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*)



Dry fronds are the fire danger

Caution: the following plants **are not palm trees**
They may REMAIN in the 0-5 foot zone



Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*)

This plant is not a palm-it may remain in the 0-5 foot zone

Dracaena (*Cordyline australis* ‘Atropurpurea’)



This plant is not a palm - it may remain in the 0-5 foot zone



Spanish dagger plant (Yucca gloriosa)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Pine (*Pinus spp.*)



Japanese black pine (*Pinus thunbergii*)



Mugo pine (*Pinus mugo*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Spruce (Picea spp.)



Dwarf Alberta spruce
(*Picea glauca albertiana 'Conica'*)

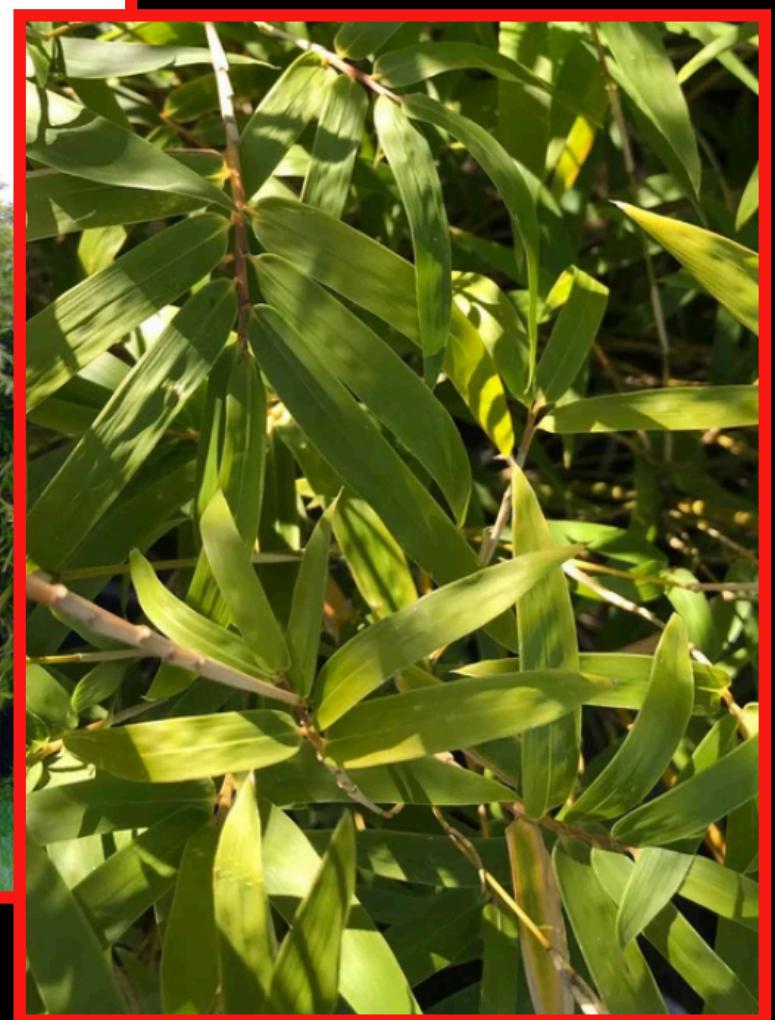
Colorado spruce (*Picea pungens*)

Shrubs

**That Must be Removed in the
0 to 5-foot Zone by August 31, 2021**

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Bamboo (All 128 genera)



Golden Goddess bamboo (*Bambusa multiplex* 'Golden Goddess')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only



Golden bamboo
(*Phyllostachys aurea*)



Timber bamboo
(*Phyllostachys bambusoides*)



Black bamboo
(*Phyllostachys nigra*)

Caution: the following plant is not a bamboo!
Heavenly bamboo may remain in the 0-5 foot zone



Heavenly bamboo
(*Nandina domestica*)



Heavenly bamboo
***Nandina domestica* 'Fire Power'**

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Broom (All genera)



Scotch broom
(*Cytisus scoparius*)



Spanish broom
(*Spartium junceum*)



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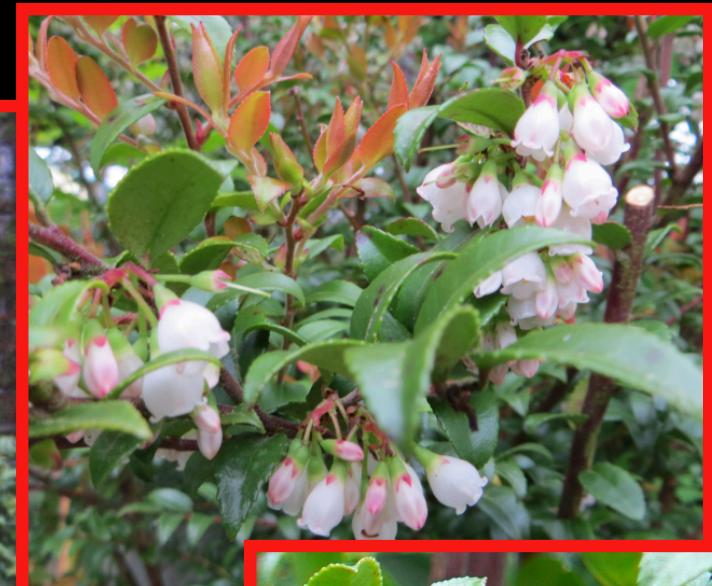
Coyote brush (Baccharis spp.)



Dwarf coyote brush (Baccharis pilularis)

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Evergreen huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)



0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Hopseed bush (*Dodonaea viscosa*)



0 to 5-foot Zone Only by August 31, 2021

(Note: All junipers will need
to be removed by August 31, 2022)

Juniper (*Juniperus* spp.)



Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis* 'Sea Green')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* spp.)
(Ground cover variety okay)



Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos densiflora* 'Howard McMinn')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

New Zealand tea tree (*Leptospermum scoparium*)



Leptospermum scoparium 'Ruby Glow'

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus* spp.)



Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Tuscan Blue')

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Scrub oak (*Quercus beridifolia*)



0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Yew (Taxus spp.)
(Also a tree)



Japanese yew (Taxus x media)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only

Grasses



Fountain grass
(*Pennisetum setaceum*)



Maiden grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)



Pampas grass
(*Cortaderia selloana*)

0 to 5-foot Zone Only
Ivy (Hedera spp.)



Algerian ivy (Hedera algeriensis)

Ground Covers

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Juniper (Juniperus spp.)



(Juniperus horizontalis)



Sources:

Google Images

Sunset Western Garden Book (2012 Edition)

Possible Plant I.D. aids:

Plant apps: e.g. Plant Snap, Picture This, Leaf Snap, Garden Answers

**These apps will make 3 or 4 suggestions based on the photo you took.
Then you must discern which one is the plant in question.
This is not always a simple task.**

This photo I.D. guide will be updated as needed.

**This Photo Guide is intended to be used
ONLY in the 0-5 foot zone**