

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

**by**

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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

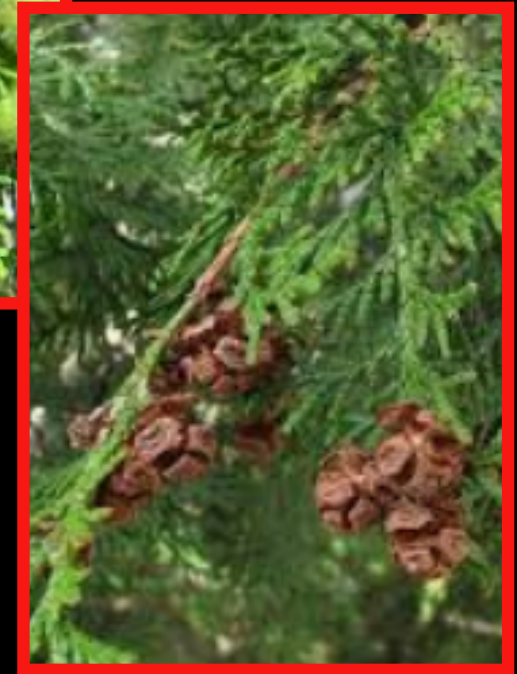
**Cypress (Cupressus spp.)**



**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 leylandii*)**



**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**



**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*)**

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**Pine (Pinus spp.)**



**Japanese black pine (*Pinus thunbergii*)**



**Mugo pine (*Pinus mugo*)**

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**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'**

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**Broom (All genera)**



**Spanish broom  
(Spartium junceum)**



**Scotch broom  
(Cytisus scoparius)**



**0 to 5-foot Zone Only**

**Coyote brush (*Baccharis* spp.)**



**Dwarf coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*)**

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**Evergreen huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)**



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**Hopseed bush (*Dodonaea viscosa*)**



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**Juniper (Juniperus spp.)**



**Juniper (Juniperus chinensis 'Sea Green')**

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**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 (*Miscantus sinensis*)**



**Pampas grass**  
**(*Cortaderia selloana*)**

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**Ivy (Hedera spp.)**



**Algerian ivy (*Hedera algeriensis*)**

## **Ground Covers**

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to be removed by August 31, 2022)

**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**