

TIPS FOR FIREWISE LANDSCAPING

How to design and maintain your yard to reduce wildfire hazards and enjoy the benefits of trees like cooling shade, reduced energy costs and moisture and soil retention.

RIGHT TREE

Tree Selection: Choose the right plants and trees for your yard.

- The right trees can help buffer against a fire rather than being fire hazards.
- Fires are fueled by dried grasses, woody debris, and dried leaves.
- Use native and canoe plants that are specially adapted to local conditions and require less water to keep green.
- When planting a seedling, ensure it has space to mature and grow.
- Avoid invasive fire-promoting plants and trees like paperbark tea tree, formosan koa, and lantana.

Check out the [Weed Fire Risk Assessment for Hawai'i](#) to determine which plants to exclude or remove from your yard. [Plant Pono](#) & [SelecTree](#) (click on "Search Pacific Islands") can help you find the best trees for your yard and conditions.

RIGHT PLACE

Site selection: Choose the right place for trees in your yard.

- Allow for space between tree canopy and your home. Branches should not touch home.
- Create a "fire-free" area within 5 feet of your home using gravel, cinder, etc. or well-hydrated plants.
- Keep maximum distance between tree clusters/canopies to reduce the risk of wildfire spreading between vegetation.

Think "Lean, Clean, Green"

LEAN

Limit the amount of flammable vegetation

CLEAN

Remove dead or dry flammable debris

GREEN

Create a well-irrigated yard using native or drought-tolerant vegetation

