



Low Flammability Garden

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Hot Tips for Fire-Proof Gardens

The arrangement of plants in gardens has a big effect on how fire travels. Plants close to the house should be low flammability - low growing with a high moisture content such as pig face, *Carpobrotus rossii*.

- Use non-flammable mulches such as stone, pebble or gravel close to your house
- Trees should not be planted near buildings
- Ensure that there are no lines of vegetation from bushland to building
- Place well watered fruit trees and vegies on the side most likely to face an oncoming fire
- Frequently prune, mow, weed and remove dead vegetation
- Keep lawns and grasses mown
- Create a buffer zone using paving, groundcover or short lawn

