

6 Steps to a Fire-Smart Landscape and Peace of Mind



How to adapt your landscape for greater safety, with greater ease.

Where to start?
Start at the *first five feet*.

1	Establish your priorities
2	Make a plan and stick to it
3	Know your defensible space zones
4	Right plant, right place
5	Space plants with care
6	Pruning and maintenance are key

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ADAPTING YOUR LANDSCAPE TO BE FIRE-SMART

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Twelve Essential Tools for Pruning Your Landscape

Comfort is key when it comes to working in your garden.

Look for ergonomically designed tools with non-slip cushy grips.

Add **color** to the grips so you can find them easily.

Make sure each tool is comfortable in your hand before you buy it.

1. **Pruner** – A quality pruner is your most important tool. Experience shows higher quality pruners hold their sharp edges better, so you work less and save energy. There are many brands and models to choose from, some for right or left hands, big or small hands. Buy the best pruner your budget can afford and take care of it with the next must-have tool.
2. **Tool Sharpener** - Even good tools are useless if you don't keep them sharp. The 10-inch diamond tool sharpener by Ironwood Tools has a slip-resistant comfort grip and a safety guard so you won't cut yourself. I've tried others; this one is the best.
3. **Cut and Hold Pruner** - If you have a bad back, you will appreciate a cut and hold pruner, so you don't have to bend down to pick up the debris. The Wildflower Tool Company has one that is also a short reach, so you can prune climbing roses and vines without getting on a ladder.
4. **Power Pruner** - Sun Jo makes a cordless lithium battery-powered pruner that is surprisingly effective at cutting up to half an inch of green wood. This tool helps you prune without pain if arthritis in your hands is a problem.
5. **Long Reach Pruner** - When tall trees need pruning, look no further than Ironwood Tools for their pole saw that reaches up to 17 feet high. You'll appreciate how lightweight it is and it features a pin lock feature that makes it safe for you to use on your tallest jobs.
6. **Lopper** - Look for a lightweight lopper with comfortable handles, designed to reduce fatigue in arms and shoulders. I recommend the Ironwood six-stage ratchet lopper from Ironwood because it makes short work for branches up to 2.5" thick and weighs only 4.5 pounds.

7. **Pruning Saw** - If you've losing muscle strength in your hands and arms, a razor-sharp saw is the answer. You'll appreciate being able to saw a branch with both push and pull strokes. Ironwood has two super sharp saws to choose from: folding and a 13" pistol grip saw with a strong scabbard that will keep you safe.
8. **Hori Hori Knife** - Every gardener who owns a Hori-Hori knife loves it. It's a multi-purpose tool for digging, planting, weeding, loosening hard soil, and dividing plants. Ironwood Tools offers a stainless-steel knife that is exceptionally strong and well-made. It comes with a quality leather sheath to keep it safely stored.
9. **Gloves** - When you wear gloves, your hands and cuticles won't get dried out and cracked. Look for a good fit and quality construction. You'll need a good solid work glove and gauntlet gloves to protect your arms from bruises and scratches. I like the Garden Works gauntlets.
10. **Picker** - Reaching aids, also known as grabbers, are a great help when you need to pick up something from the ground without bending over or to reach the top shelf without a ladder. The Ironwood Tools Company picker has replaceable grasping tips and is strong enough to pick up logs.
11. **Tarp** - Ironwood offers a unique twist on the standard tarp. It's made of heavy-duty nylon but what makes it unique are the in-line handles for easy carrying and smart Velcro on the sides, so you don't accidentally drop debris along the way.
12. **Leaf Blower** - At the end of the day there is nothing more satisfying than cleaning up. Earthwise Tool Company has a lithium battery leaf blower that is lighter than heavy, ill-balanced electric blowers and quieter than gas-powered blowers. When you finish with a leaf blower, you'll love how great your garden looks.



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Every career move brought Toni Gattone to where she is today, a speaker and an author with a passion to help gardeners of all ages and abilities to joyfully garden for life.

As an adaptive gardener expert, she enables her readers to embrace resilient, solution-oriented thinking to adapt, change, and modify what no longer works.

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