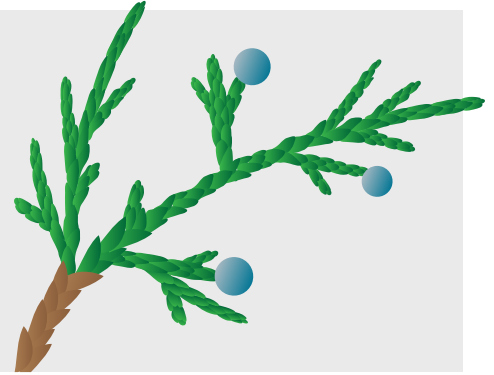


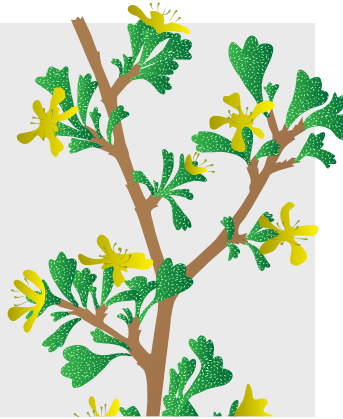
How do I identify juniper and arborvitae?

Juniper and arborvitae grow in a variety of forms: creeping ground cover, shrubs, and trees. Typically coming in varying shades of green with a few grey and yellowish species, their leaves are often scale-like, but some are more needle-like especially when juveniles. The bark is typically papery or flaky. They are extremely flammable plants and have been aptly nicknamed "gasoline on a stick" by fire professionals due to the volatile oils in their greenery and bark, dense growth, and retention of dead material.



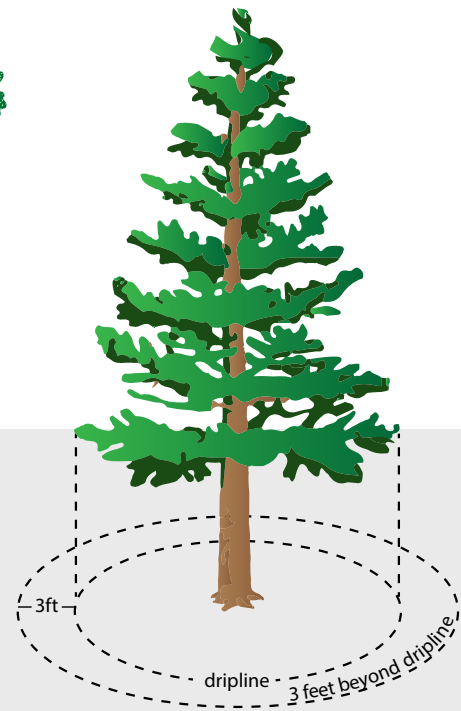
How do I identify bitterbrush?

The small leaves have three "teeth" on the end and resemble a small duck foot. Leaves have a hairy surface that gives the entire plant a dusty green appearance. Plants lose all or almost all leaves in the winter. The early-spring blossoms are small, yellow flowers made up of five petals.



Where is "3 ft beyond the dripline" of a tree?

The dripline of a tree is the area located directly under the outer circumference of the tree branches. Imagine drawing a circle on the ground around a tree that follows the tips of the tree's furthest branches and then go three feet beyond that. Everything within both circles in diagram to the left is within 3 feet beyond the tree's dripline.



How far back from the structure do conifer branches need to be removed?

"Structure" includes any part of a building - walls, roofs and eaves, enclosures, carports, decks, railings screens etc. Imagine there is a "bubble" that wraps around all contours of your house, extending 5' from the structure (and 15' from any chimney outlet). Any portion of conifer branches that is located within that "bubble" or zone must be removed. If the tree is located within 5' of the structure (or 15' from a chimney outlet) the branches need to be removed to the trunk on the side of the tree facing the structure. Note: common conifer species include but are not limited to pine, spruce, fir, cedar, juniper, larch and sequoia trees.

