



TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGNERS WILDFIRE PROTECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Did you know that over 100,000 residential properties face the threat of wildfire in Contra Costa Co's designated Wildland Urban Interface?

This spring Fire Departments throughout the East Bay will inform homeowners that they are in a Priority Hazard Zone and to take action to "abate hazards." Do you have the skills to assist those seeking help for code compliance? Renovating a landscape and designing for wildfire prevention requires special knowledge of fire behavior, plant volatility and skillful design and maintenance. Contrary to belief, clear-cutting, disking or moonscaping are not the best way to protect a home. Come and learn what's current in firescape design.

This year the Diablo Fire Safe Council, in partnership with local fire agencies, is offering a two-part training aimed at designers, arborists, and contractors, **with a special afternoon session for professional landscape designers.**

Training includes:

- A three-hour morning session covering wildfire basics, background and important features of creating defensible space, plants and working in environmentally sensitive areas.
- Box lunch networking among contractors, arborists and designers
- A newly developed two-hour afternoon session will focus on creating design plans to meet code through small group exercises and critiques. Carol L. Rice, of Wildland Resource Management, and Cheryl Miller RLA, authors of Managing Fire on the Urban Wildland Interface will lead the group through this design session.

Designers who complete the training receive a certificate of attendance and will be listed on the Diablo Fire Safe Council and participating fire agencies website referral lists.

When: Wednesday March 16, 2011 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

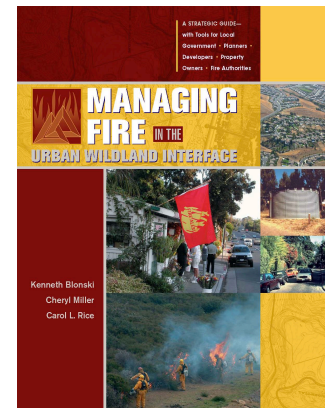
Where: Rossmoor, Walnut Creek

Cost: \$20 per person (fee includes resource packet and lunch)

Registration required. Space is Limited. Call 925-941-3673 to reserve

For more information, see our website www.diablofiresafe.org/events_training.html.

DFSC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the impact of wildland fire in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. by bringing together residents, agencies and resources.



Managing Fire reference book will be available at workshop for reduced cost \$82 (includes tax – delivered at workshop.) Email to reserve your copy: spbooks@solano.com include Code: "Diablo" in Subject line.