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New Guide Teaches the Essentials of Creating Beautiful, Fire-Resistant Properties

Tens of thousands of wildfires burn across the country every year, destroying millions of acres of land. Yet after almost every wildfire, a house survives, somehow protected from the flames that consumed all others. The reason is no mystery; it's firescaping. In the new edition of FIRESCAPING (October 2019, Wilderness Press), horticultural expert Douglas Kent shares secrets, tricks, and simple instructions that can help readers' homes survive a wildfire.

Firescaping is a method of creating fire-resistant landscapes. The author's practical, full-color guide introduces design and maintenance guidelines developed by dedicated scientists and firescaping professionals. It shares actionable, achievable strategies for reducing a property's fire hazard. FIRESCAPING is invaluable for homeowners, landscaping professionals, and community fire prevention officials. The book can help to prepare anyone who lives in an area at risk and give them peace of mind.

FIRESCAPING (\$21.95, paperback) is available wherever books are sold, including bookstores, gift shops, and online retailers.

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Douglas Kent's love affair with landscaping spans decades. He is an expert in ecological land management (ELM), the practice of designing and maintaining landscapes for specific environmental outcomes, such as carbon reduction, pollinator attraction, or waterbody protection. Douglas manages an ELM business with clients across California. The business has helped Douglas run four statewide education campaigns and participate in hundreds of landscape projects. Since 2005, he has toured, worked with, and spoken to fire-scarred communities throughout California. He has been on the front lines of many fires. His work has been featured in the LOS ANGELES TIMES, FINE GARDENING, SUNSET MAGAZINE, and NATIONAL WILDLIFE, as well as on HGTV and CNN Comcast. He has also written six other books on sustainable gardening practices.

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