



Course Instructions

PLEASE read the following document in its entirety. Thanks.

OVERVIEW: Welcome to the *Preparing for Wildfires with Firescaping* training! The goal of this USDA NIFA funded project is to increase southeastern WUI community wildfire preparedness through an innovative education-based approach on fire-resilient landscaping, or firescaping. The real impact of this project will come from training participants sharing this information with their communities or implementing firescaping in their own landscapes.

The “at your own pace” online training includes six units, each with a video presentation, optional resources, and a short activity (units 1-5) to further explore knowledge gained during the presentation. The units include Southeastern U.S. wildland fire history and behavior, plant flammability, firescaping, home wildfire risk assessment, combining firescaping with other types of landscaping, and volunteer recommendations. The online training also includes a pre and post-test (which must be completed before starting and finishing the training). Participants who complete the training will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. And, finally, your completion of the training evaluation provides us valuable feedback on improving and enhancing the training over time.

Steps for completing the online training:

1. Set up a free account on the “**Getting Started**” tab of the training website homepage. Required.
2. Take the **Pre-Test** (must receive a 40% or greater to pass. Multiple attempts allowed. No time limit). Required completion in order to begin Unit 1.
3. Next, work through **Units 1-6** in order. For each unit:
 - a. Watch the video presentation.
 - b. Complete the unit activity (Units 1-5) and send your completed handout to your training organizer/leader (if taking this with a group) or you can send activity results to the Firescaping Training Manager (Holly Campbell, hollycam@uga.edu) for feedback, if you are not taking this training with a group.
 - c. Review Optional Reading and other resources for each unit.
4. Complete the **Post-Test** (must receive an 80% or greater to pass. Multiple attempts allowed. No time limit). Required.
5. Complete the **Training Evaluation**.
6. Receive your **Certificate of Completion** from the training website or from your training organizer/leader (if taking this with a group).

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