

SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PATHFINDER REBUILDING AND REPAIRING YOUR HOME AFTER A FIRE



This year's firestorm damaged or destroyed thousands of homes in the San Diego area. This *Pathfinder* lists a selection of resources available at the San Diego Public Library and on the Internet for people who are rebuilding or repairing their homes.

San Diego County's *Emergency Homepage* has a collection of links to fire-related topics and agencies which are assisting fire victims.

<http://www.sdcountyemergency.com>

The Library Catalog

To locate books on topics included in this *Pathfinder*, search the Library Catalog by *Subject* or *Keyword*. Relevant subject headings include:

[insurance](#), [architecture](#), [dwellings](#), [house construction](#), [landscape architecture](#), [interior decoration](#), [building and contractors](#).

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>

Magazine Articles

Search the [MasterFILE Premier](#) database for articles on home remodeling, decorating, gardening and other topics. You may search by *keyword* using the same terms you used to search the Library Catalog.

Many articles are full-text on the database. Search the [Magazines and Journals List](#) on the Library Web site to see if the Library offers access to a magazine you want to see: many titles are available online.

RESOURCES

Fire Safety

CalFire (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) - Information on making your home fire safe, emergency preparedness, links to local assistance centers.

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/>

Fire Safe Council of San Diego - Links to information on fire safety programs and resources, defensible space and firescaping.

<http://Firesafesdcounty.org>

Firewise.org - Information on fire protection for homeowners.

<http://www.firewise.org/>

[Principles of fire prevention](#). 2005.

628.922/DIAMANTES

U.S. Fire Administration (FEMA) - Fire safety topics for consumers include escape planning, residential fire sprinklers and what to do after a fire.

<http://www.fire.gov/>

Insurance

California Department of Insurance - Consumer-oriented information on agents, policies. Includes a "Home Inventory Guide".

<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

[How to insure your possessions](#). 1999. 368.1/HOW

[Insurance for dummies](#). 2001.

368/HUNGELMANN

Contractors and Architects

California Architects Board - Licensee information and forms and publications of interest to the general public.

<http://www.cab.ca.gov/>

[California contractors license law and reference book](#). 2007. R592.8/CALIFORNIA

California Contractors State License Board - Information on hiring a contractor, including a license status check, laws, regulations and consumer-oriented guides and pamphlets.

<http://www.cslb.ca.gov/>

[Consumer's guide to hiring an architect.](#) 2006.
http://www.cab.ca.gov/pdf/consumers_guide_2006.pdf

[Don't sweat it, hire it: an A to Z guide to finding, hiring, and managing home improvement pros.](#) 2007. 643.7/SCHMIDT

[The home building process: everything you need to know to work with contractors and subcontractors.](#) 1999. 690.837/BINSACA

[How to plan, contract, and build your own home.](#) 2005. 690.837/HOW

[How to work with an architect.](#) 2006.
728.37/MOROSCO

[Tips and traps for hiring a contractor.](#) 2005.
643.7/WOODSON

Building codes, laws, permits and cost estimators

[California building standards code.](#) Cal G12.4:
Used by the City of San Diego: available at **Central Library only.**

City of San Diego Development Services Department - Permit and fee schedules, tips on home remodeling, and more
<http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/>

[Code check: an illustrated guide to building a safe house.](#) 2007. 690.837/KARDON

[Estimating home building costs.](#) 1981.
692.5/JACKSON

[Means residential cost data.](#) 2007. R692.5/MEANS

Designing, building and decorating a home

[Bathrooms: creating the perfect bathing experience.](#) 2007. 747.78/LEE

[Complete guide to dream kitchens.](#) 2007.
643.3/COMPLETE

[Complete lighting design: a practical design guide for perfect lighting.](#) 2006. 729.28/ZELINSKY

Homeplans.com - Hundreds of searchable (by size, number of bedrooms, style, etc.) house plans and simple floor plans.
<http://www.homeplans.com/>

[Houstransformed: getting the home you want with the house you have.](#) 2005.
690.837/SCHOENHERR

ImproveNet - Tools and calculators for home remodelers.
<http://www.improvenet.com/>

[One-story homes: 450 exceptional home plans from 810 to 5,400 square feet.](#) 2002. 728.373/ONE

[Owner-builder book: how you can save more than \\$100,000 in the construction of your custom home.](#) 2007. 690.837/SMITH

[Prefabulous: the house of your dreams, delivered fresh from the factory.](#) 2007. 643.2/KOONES

[Remodel 101.](#) 2004. DVD 643.7/REMODEL

[Smart approach to kitchen design.](#) 2007.
747.797/MANEY

[225 hillside home plans: designs and ideas for homes on sloping lots.](#) 2005. 728.37022/TWO

[What not to build: architectural options for homeowners.](#) 2006. 728.37/EDELMAN

Firescaping, landscaping and exterior design

[California home landscaping.](#) 2006.
712.60979/Holmes

[California master gardener handbook.](#) 2002.
635/CALIFORNIA

[California wildfire landscaping.](#) 1994.
635.95/GILMER

[Deckscaping: gardening and landscaping on and around your deck.](#) 2002. 712.6/ELLIS

[Designing with succulents.](#) 2007.
635.9525/BALDWIN



Fire, defensible space and you.

2003.

Firescaping tips and plant lists for San Diego County

http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/fire_resistant.html**[Firescaping: creating fire-resistant landscapes, gardens, and properties in California's diverse environments.](#)**

2005. 635.95/KENT

[Home landscaping for fire.](#)

2007.

<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8228.pdf>**[Native treasures: gardening with the plants of California.](#)**

2006. 635.95179/SMITH

Plants that tolerate Drought and Dry Conditions

Lists drought-resistant plants by type, includes culture and hardiness zones

http://www.floridata.com/lists/drought_tolerant_plants.cfm**[Poolscaping: gardening and landscaping around your swimming pool and spa.](#)**

2003. 712/ERLER

[Sunset western garden book.](#)

2007. 635.90978/SUNSET

[Sunset western landscaping book.](#)

2006. 712.60978/SUNSET

[Tough plants for California gardens: low care, no care, tried and true winners.](#)

2005. 635.90979/RUSHING

Water-Wise resource links

From the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College

<http://www.thegarden.org/waterWise.html>**Xeriscape**

Links to websites on low-water gardening.

<http://gardeninglaunchpad.com/xeris.html>**[Home landscaping for fire.](#)** 2007.<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8228.pdf>