

DEFEND YOUR HOME!



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If you live around trees or large shrubs, or on the edge of a forest, wildfires could threaten your home. Making a home safe from wildfires is called building "Defensible Space" - the space around your house that protects it from wildfire. There should be a minimum of 30 feet of defensible space around your home.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE MAZE

THIS HOUSE HAS GOOD DEFENSIBLE SPACE AROUND IT. FOLLOW EACH PATH. CAN THE FIRE REACH THE HOUSE?



START



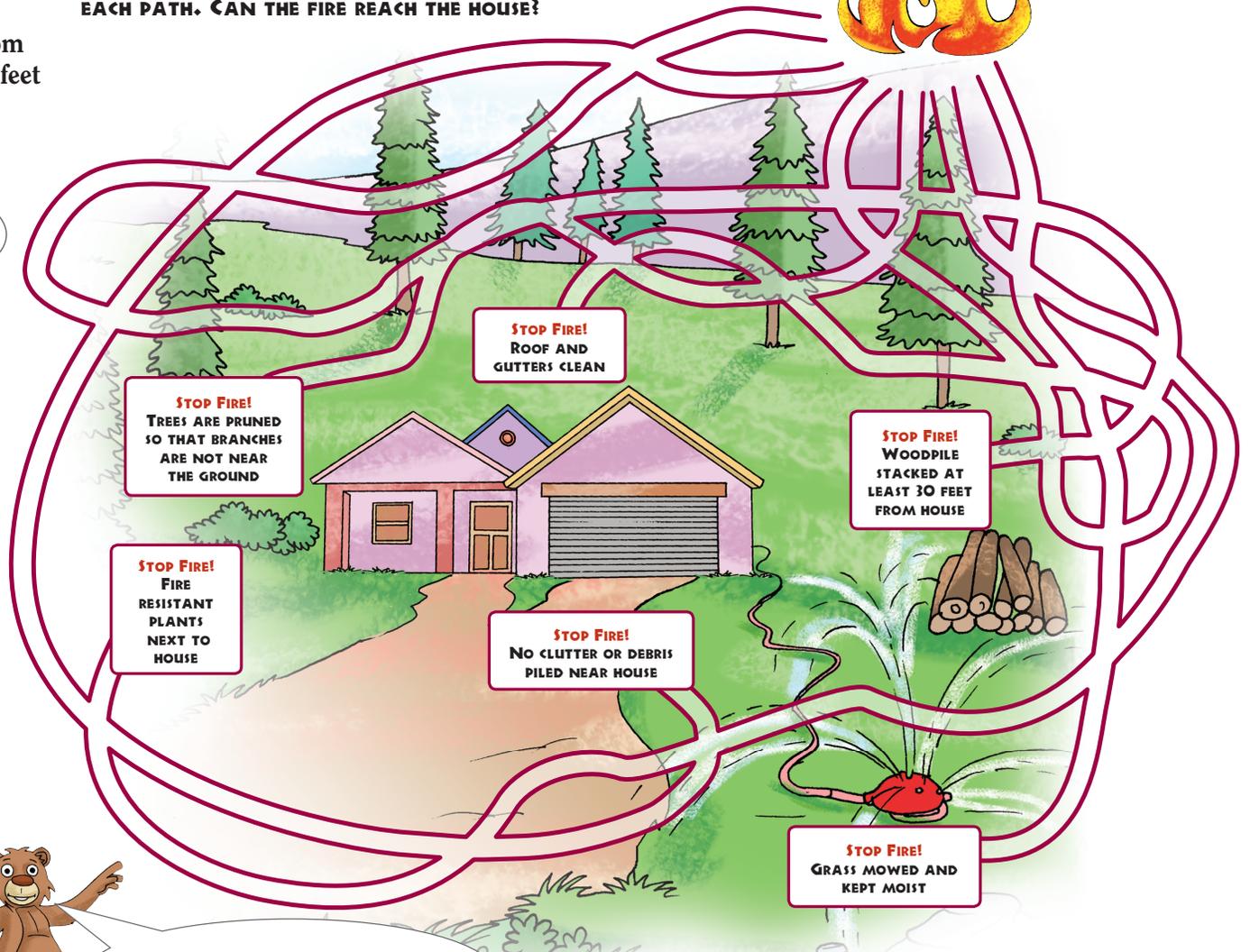
DID YOU KNOW?

In the United States, over 900 homes burn in wildfires each year?



LADDER FUELS

Fire can use smaller trees and shrubs to "climb" into tops of other trees and even your house. These are called ladder fuels.



STOP FIRE!
TREES ARE PRUNED SO THAT BRANCHES ARE NOT NEAR THE GROUND

STOP FIRE!
ROOF AND GUTTERS CLEAN

STOP FIRE!
WOODPILE STACKED AT LEAST 30 FEET FROM HOUSE

STOP FIRE!
FIRE RESISTANT PLANTS NEXT TO HOUSE

STOP FIRE!
NO CLUTTER OR DEBRIS PILED NEAR HOUSE

STOP FIRE!
GRASS MOWED AND KEPT MOIST

WHAT KEPT THE FIRE FROM REACHING THE HOUSE?



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THIS FAMILY DOES NOT HAVE "DEFENSIBLE SPACE" AROUND THEIR HOME. CAN YOU CIRCLE 10 FIRE HAZARDS IN THIS PICTURE?



WHAT WOULD YOU MISS IF YOUR HOME BURNED DOWN?

I'D MISS MY COZY BED AND ALL THE NUTS I STORED FOR WINTER.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!



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Answers: 1. Sparks coming from chimney 2. Dirty roof 3. Branches hanging over roof 4. Ladder fuels under trees and next to house 5. Wood debris in yard 6. Tall, dry grass 7. Child playing with matches 8. Woodpile next to house 9. Gas can next to house 10. Pile of dry leaves 11. Trees with branches near ground