DEFEND YOUR HOME!

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?

**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.

**Did you know?**

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

**What kept the fire from reaching the house?**

- **Stop Fire!** Roof and gutters clean
- **Stop Fire!** Fire resistant plants next to house
- **Stop Fire!** No clutter or debris piled near house
- **Stop Fire!** Grass mowed and kept moist
- **Stop Fire!** Woodpile stacked at least 10 feet from house
- **Stop Fire!** Trees are pruned so that branches are not near the ground

**START**
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This family does not have "defensible space" around their home. Can you circle 10 fire hazards in this picture?

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I'd miss my cozy bed and all the nuts I stored for winter.

What would you miss if your home burned down?

Remember, only you can prevent wildfires!