One of the biggest causes of wildfires in Oregon is the careless burning of backyard debris - brush, tree limbs, twigs, leaves, needles and other plant materials. These wildfires could be prevented if homeowners followed good fire prevention behaviors.

**Can you discover a safe path to burning this pile of debris?**

- **Start**
  - Get a burn barrel or create a small debris pile for burning.
  - Check the weather report to make sure it is not too windy.
  - Light the fire as soon as the permit is issued.
  - Find an area that is not too close to structures, automobiles or overhanging branches.
  - Clear all the fuels, like grass and brush, out of the area – making a 20-foot circle around the debris pile.
  - Whoa!! The pile was too big–now the fire is out of control!
  - Ready! Throw all of the debris on the pile and start burning.
  - Light the fire.

- **FIRE!**
  - It may have looked out but the coals were still smoldering.
  - Whoops! Windy day. The fire blows into nearby trees and starts a wildfire.
  - Wait! The grass is too dry and the fire spreads out of control!
  - Oh no! A gust of wind blew sparks into a tree and started a fire. There is no safety equipment to put it out, so a wildfire begins.
  - Oh no! A windy day. The fire blows into nearby trees and starts a wildfire.
  - The wind came up, the fire escaped and is spreading!
  - The fire is done. Take a nap!
  - Go inside for lunch.

- **Put the fire out completely by drowning it with water and then monitor it for at least two hours.**

- **Get a shovel, rake and fire extinguisher or hose to keep nearby.**

- **End**
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  - Now go take a hike in the beautiful forest.
  - Clear all the fuels, like grass and brush, out of the area – making a 20-foot circle around the debris pile.
  - Whoa!! The pile was too big–now the fire is out of control!
  - Oh no! The debris burn was too close to an old shed and burned it down.
  - Egads! The over-hanging branches of the trees caught fire and now the whole forest is burning!
  - Yikes!! The paint on the truck is melting from the heat!
  - Put the pile next to a truck in order to sit on the tailgate while watching the fire.
  - Burn the debris deep in the woods to keep it away from houses and automobiles.
  - Great spot! Light the fire.

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