



FUN FACT #4: Creating a Defensible Space

When you make your home more safe from the danger of forest fire you are creating a DEFENSIBLE SPACE. This means you can defend your home from forest fires more easily if you design safety measures into your yard.

Target age group

- All ages // All family involvement

Activity

- Separate fuels from home:
 - wood pile, shrubs & bushes, overhanging tree limbs
- Keep rooftop clear of leaves, tree limbs and the like.
- Put a fire break between your home and woodland:
 - mow grass, clear all slopes, remove fuels.
- Make your home accessible:
 - if a forest fire were to threaten your home, is there room for a fire truck to enter and leave your yard;
 - will trees lining and overhanging the driveway prevent a fire truck from getting to your home;
 - is your driveway clear of obstructions?
- Is the nearest fire hydrant clear of debris and obstructions?
- Don't stop... what other changes can be done to make your home more safe from wildfire?

