

# Preparing for Wildfire

Grades 4-6  
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Hi! I'm Tolly. Every year, wildfires destroy millions of acres of forests and grasslands. They damage or destroy hundreds of homes.

Want to learn more? Download **Monster Guard**. It's a free app from the American Red Cross that teaches kids how to be prepared for emergencies. Choose "Wildfire" on the main menu. Then join me on a training mission to learn how to protect a home from wildfire.

**Note:** You must have completed the **Monster Guard** Initiation section before you can access the Wildfire training mission.

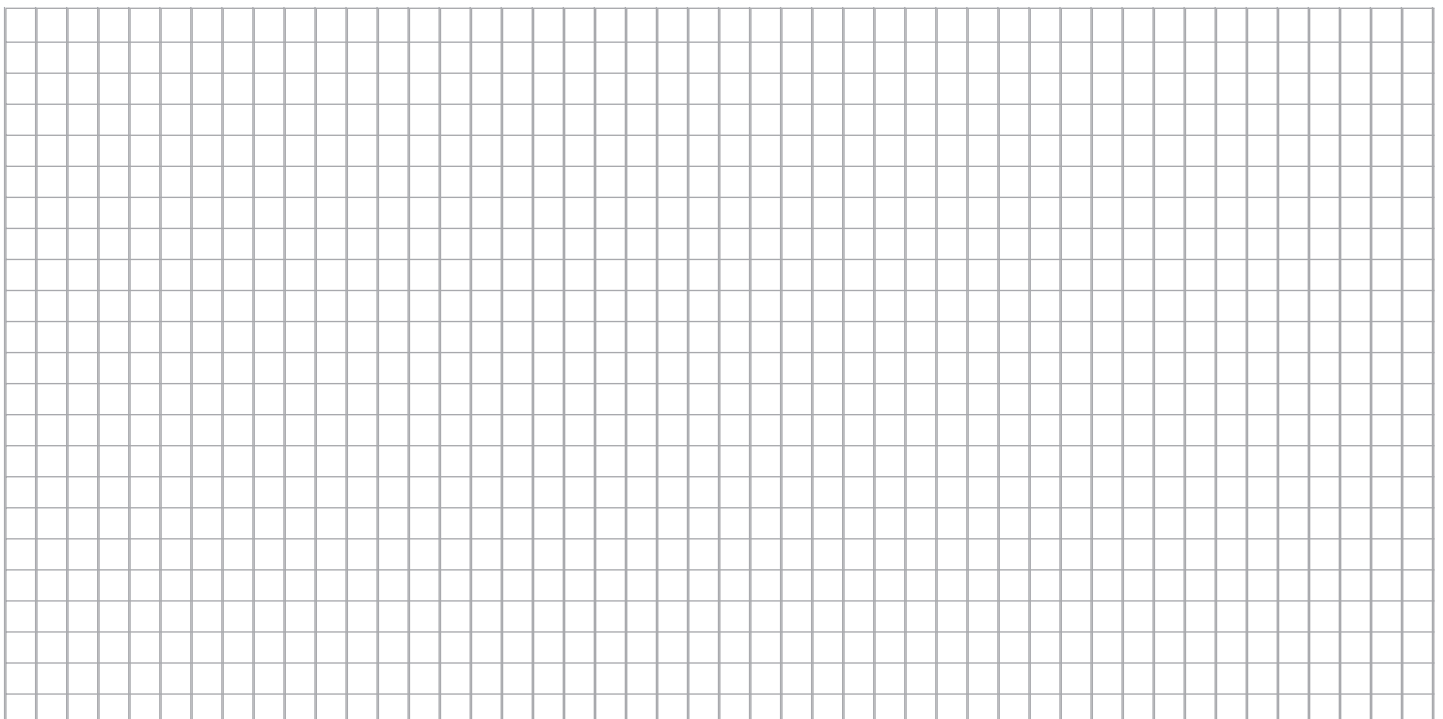
My Wildfire Safety Score: \_\_\_\_\_



## Part 1

Fire is a natural part of forest ecosystems. But most wildfires are not natural. Nine out of ten are started by people being careless with fire outdoors. That's why it's important to be prepared for wildfire, especially if you live near a forest or grassland. Use this drawing space to start getting prepared.

- First, draw a diagram of your home in the middle of the space. Each square represent two feet, so try to make your diagram accurate.
- Now mark a *buffer zone* around your home. The edge of your buffer zone should be 30 feet away from the home on all sides. This is a space cleared of anything that might catch on fire. It helps keep a wildfire from coming close to your home.
- Last, draw pictures to show where you would store fire wood, a grill, and other potential fire hazards. Remember, anything that might catch on fire should be outside your buffer zone.



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## Part 2

Do you remember your wildfire safety training? Here is a list of steps you can take to be prepared for wildfire and stay safe if a wildfire ever comes near your home. Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence. Then use the writing space to list other safety steps you learned on your wildfire training mission.



1. Plan two safe \_\_\_\_\_ routes.
2. Have an emergency \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go.
3. Clear a \_\_\_\_\_ around the home.
4. Pay attention to wildfire \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Leave home immediately if officials tell you to \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Part 3

Many people who live in wildfire risk areas have pets and other animals that need to be included in the family evacuation plan. Learn more about how to keep pets and other animals safe from wildfire by watching the video at [www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/takeaction/household-pets](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/takeaction/household-pets). Then use the information on this webpage to create a “Wildfire Safety for Pets and Animals” flyer on the back of this sheet that provides tips for keeping pets and other animals safe in wildfire risk areas.

Replay the  
Monster Guard  
Wildfire training  
mission. See if you  
can score higher!

