

# Preparing for Wildfire

Grades 4-6  
Reproducible Master

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.



