BURNING DECISIONS





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?



The fire is done. Take a nap!

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

FINISH! GREAT JOB!! Now go Take A HIKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL FOREST.

START

CAN YOU FIND A PATH THAT DOES NOT END WITH AN OUT-OF-CONTROL FIRE?

Call the local Fire District to find out if burning is allowed. They may issue a permit.

Just light the pile on fire.

as soon as the permit is issued.

Light the fire

Get a burn barrel or create a small debris pile for burning.

No wind - so set the pile of debris on fire.

Check the weather

report to make

sure it is not too

windy.

Oh no! The debris

burn was too close to

an old shed and burned

it down.

Burn the debris close to an old shed in order to stand in the shade.

> Yikes!! The paint on the truck is melting

Put the pile next to a truck in order to sit on the tailgate while watching the fire.

The wind came up.

the fire escaped

and is spreading!

Whoops! Windy day.

The fire blows into nearby

trees and starts a wildfire.

from the heat!

Go inside for lunch.

out of control!

Great spot!

Light the fire.

Now watch the fire closely the whole time it is burning.

to keep nearby. Wait! The grass is too dry and the fire spreads

Get a shovel, rake and fire extinguisher or hose

Clear all the fuels,

like grass and brush.

out of the area

- making a 20-foot

circle around the

debris pile.

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.

> It seems ready-so light the fire.

Find an area that is not too close to structures, automobiles or overhanging branches.

Burn the debris deep in the woods to keep it away from houses and automobiles.

Egads! The over-hanging branches of the trees caught fire and now the whole forest is burning!

Start with a small pile and keep adding more.

> Ready! Throw all of the debris on the pile and start burning.

Whoaa!! The pile was too bignow the fire is out of control!

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