



Try to always look out for dead trees.

Keep defensible space around your house.

Keep your smoke detectors working

Keep a family plan to get out in case of a fire

Have a fire ladder ready for second floors

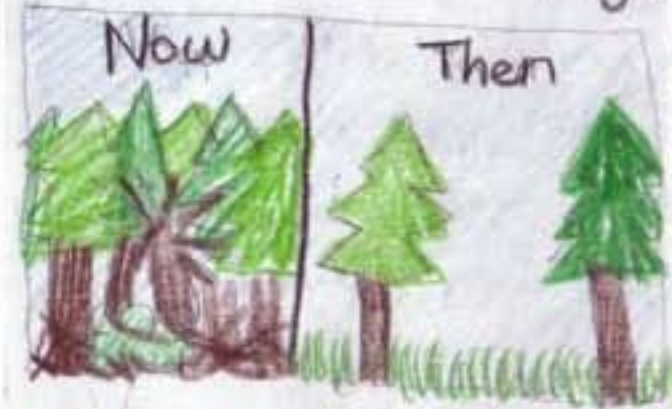
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Forest Fire Safety!

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Why has our forest gotten so bad? Today in our forest we have dead branches and debris lying on our forest floor, but why? Back 150 years ago Native Americans had Indian Burns to keep the forest inline. When the early settlers came they reported that they could ride two abreast through the forest. Well after we came we thought



that we should make the forest have lots of trees. Unfortunately a fire struck up and people were devastated. In the 1930's however an agency instituted the "10 A.M. rule," mandating that all fires be put out by 10 A.M. also smokey the

Bear was made. With this new law the forest started getting unhealthy and get more and more debris. This led to drought, insects, and disease. Now with the spark of a match our forest could be up in flames!



In the next few pages you will learn some things to keep you and your family safe.



What is defensible space?

Defensible space is the area in which vegetation is modified around a home or other structures.



Removal

So you are wondering what you so do. If you are near a forest start looking for dead or dying trees in your forest and see if it is ok if you remove these trees. You also should look for trees that are too close to your house. This will keep your house safe from

really bad fires that can destroy your house.



Fireladders

When you do removals it helps the fire not spread quick. Say you did not clean your forest and there were dead branches the fire can blaze up. The trees and fire can spread from canopy to canopy this is why we have removal. you can cut branches up

or you can cut the tree. Either one can be healthy it just depends on how the tree looks.



Replace

After you have cleaned your forest you should replace. Take some trees and place them in a healthy spot so they can grow nice and

healthy.

