



# EMBER'S FireSmart COLOURING BOOK



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
**FireSmart**<sup>™</sup>

A book full of FireSmart safety tips

# Meet Ember, the FireSmart fox.

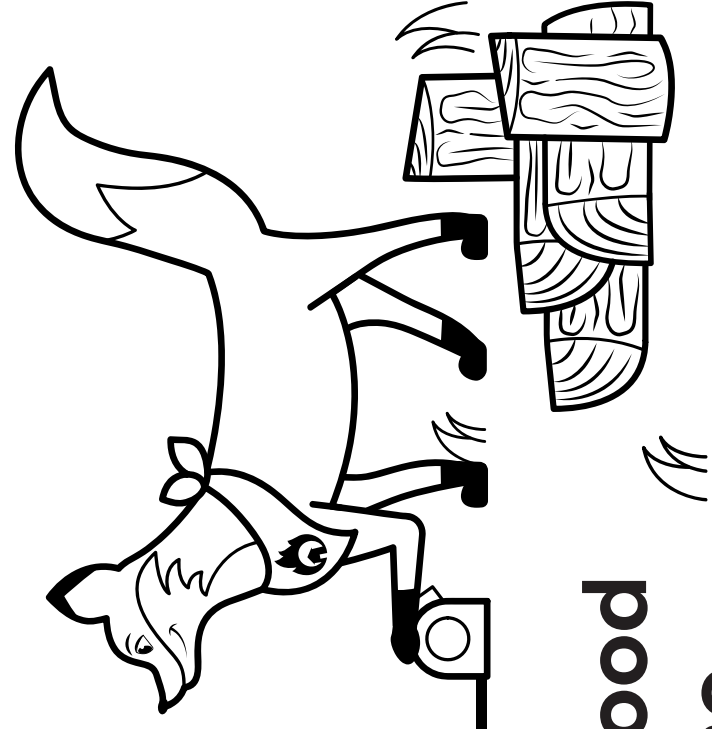
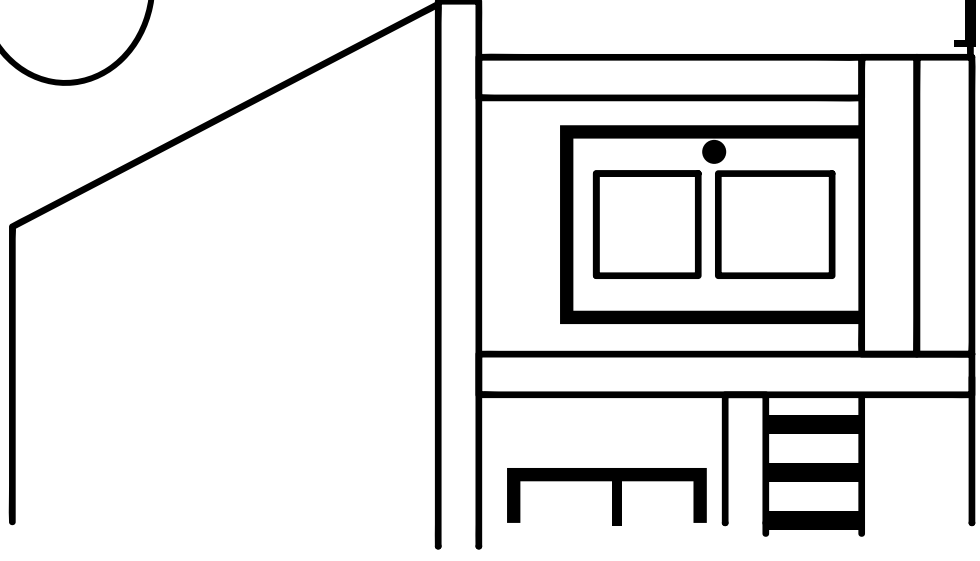
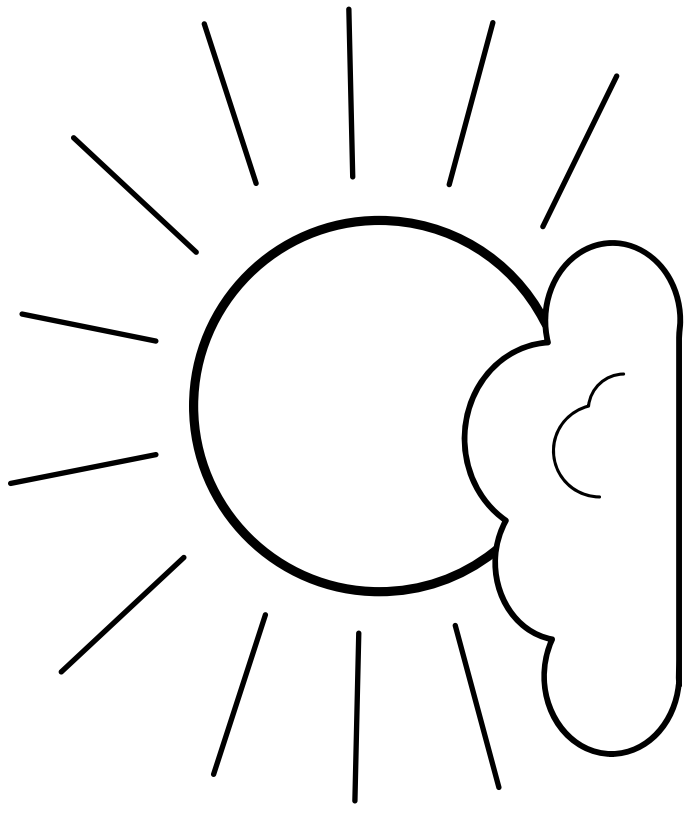
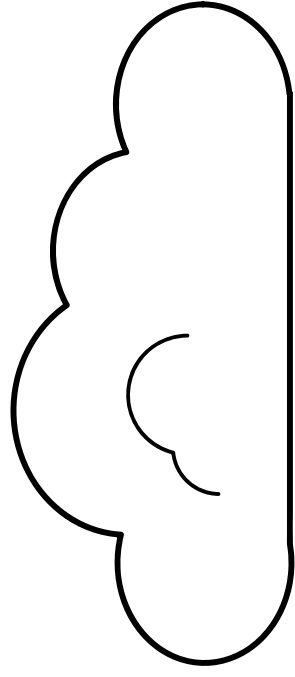
Ember teaches people how to keep their homes and neighbourhoods safe from wildfires. In this book, Ember visits people's homes to show them her favourite FireSmart tips. The tips in this colouring book show you how to remove fuel from your property as well as other materials that easily burn. This helps stop wildfire from finding a path to your front door. You can use the tips with your family to help keep your home safe!

You will also find Ember inspired drawings from Indigenous artists, which have been included to celebrate the important role Indigenous Peoples have played in fire stewardship and acknowledge the unceded lands we occupy.

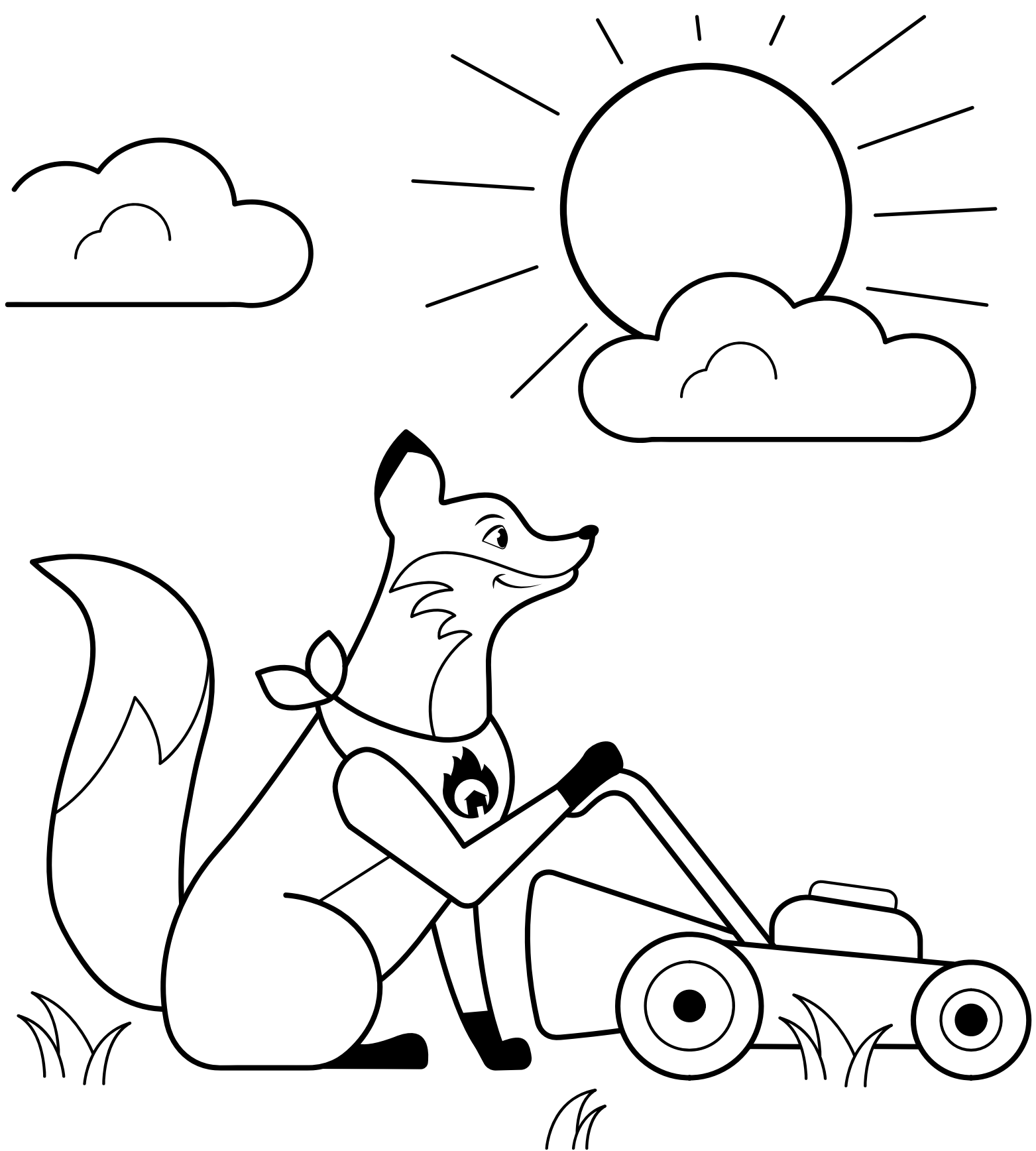




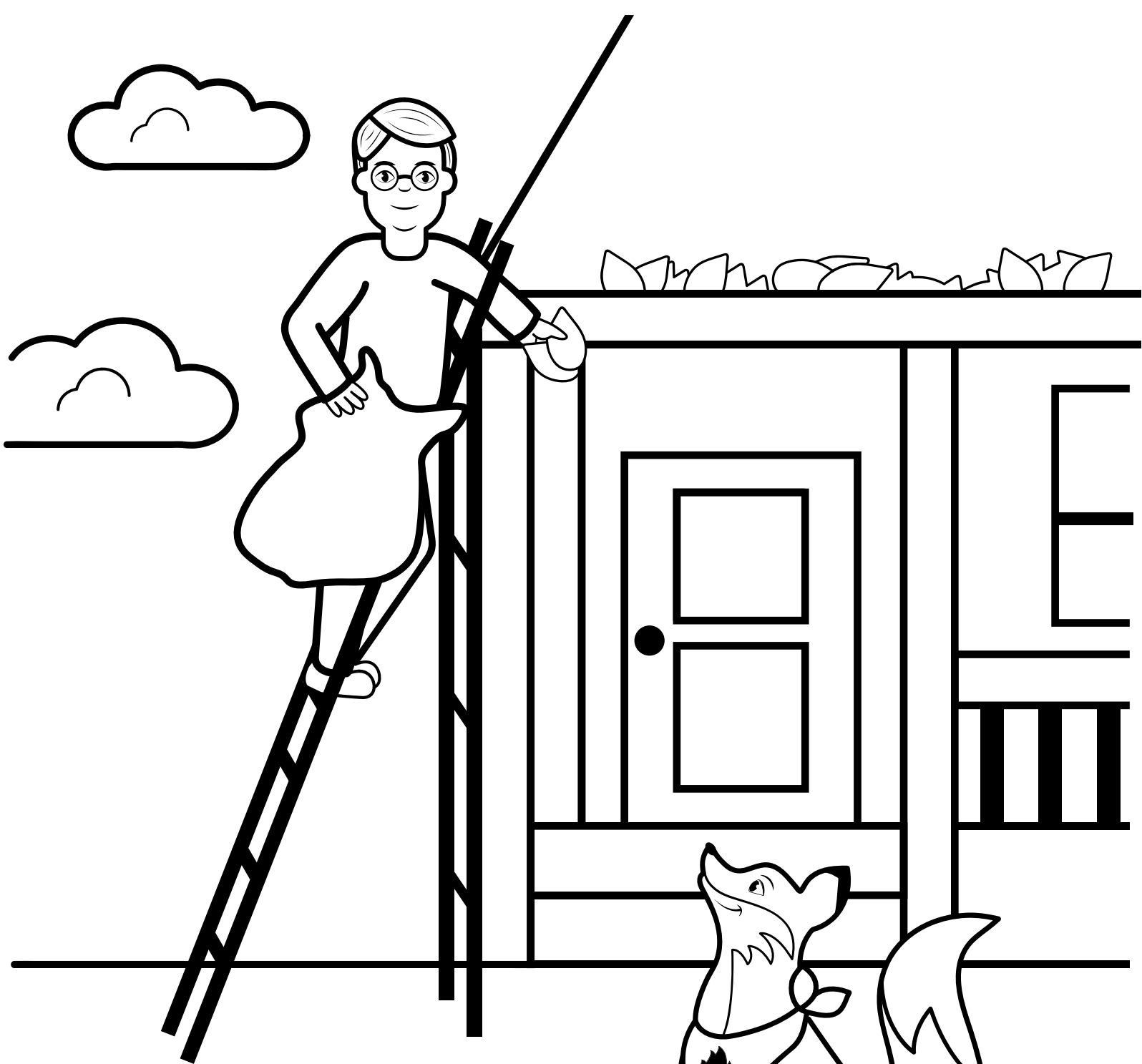
**This artwork was created by Paul Windsor, a Haisla Nation/Heiltsuk Nation artist from Kitamaat Village and Bella Bella in British Columbia.**



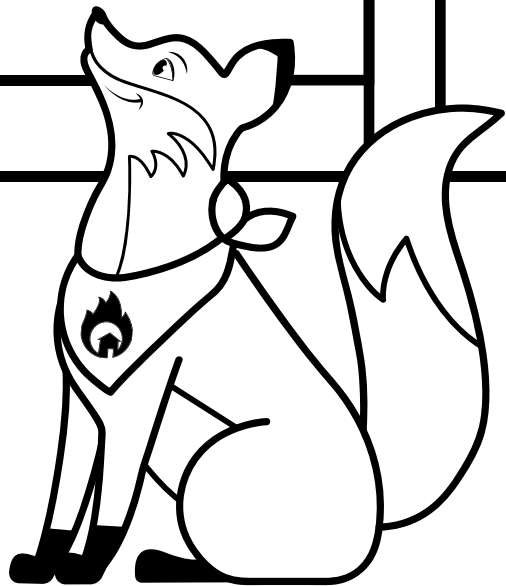
 **FireSmart Tip: Move firewood 10 metres from your home.**

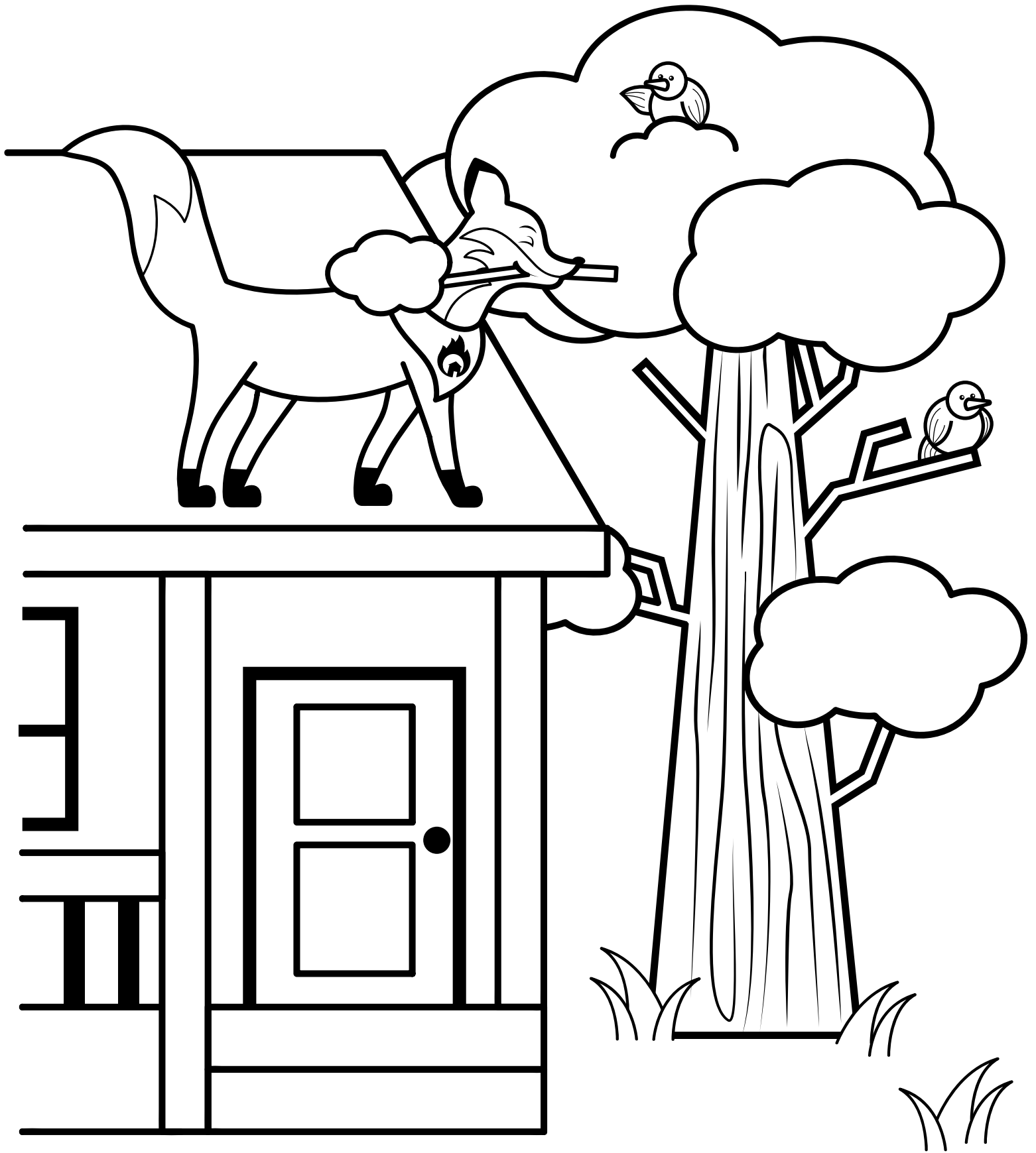


**FireSmart Tip: Keep grass shorter than 10 centimetres.**



**FireSmart Tip:**  
Keep the gutters  
on the edge of  
the roof clean.



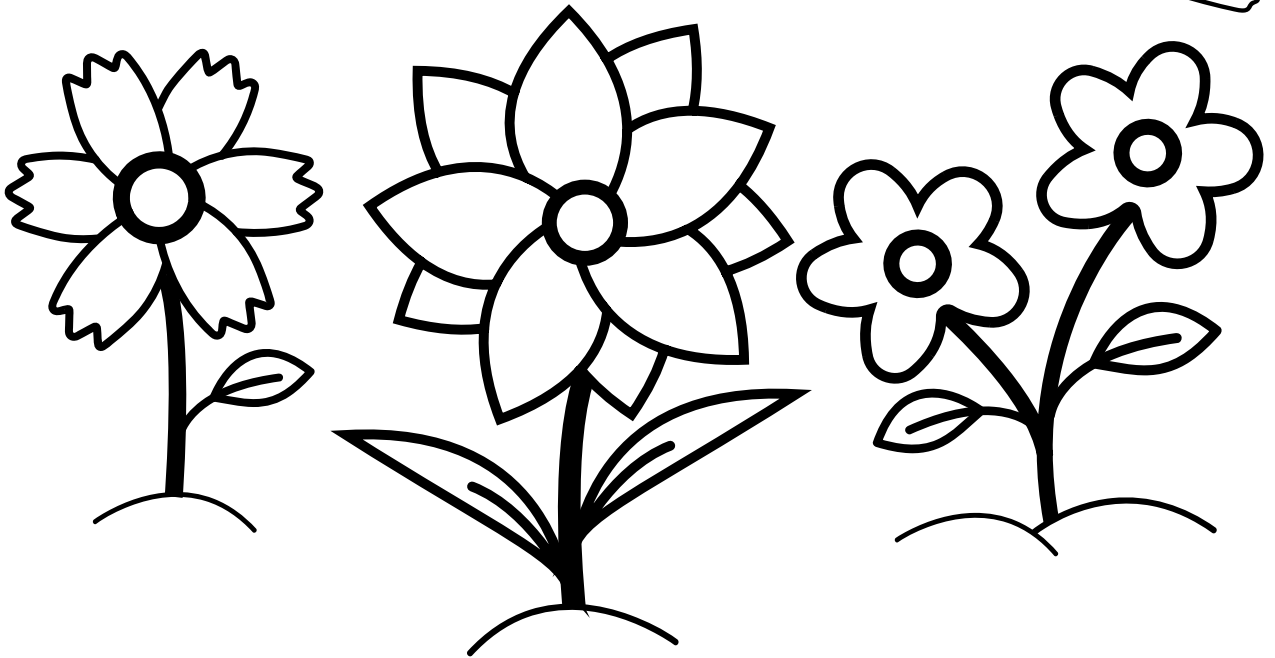
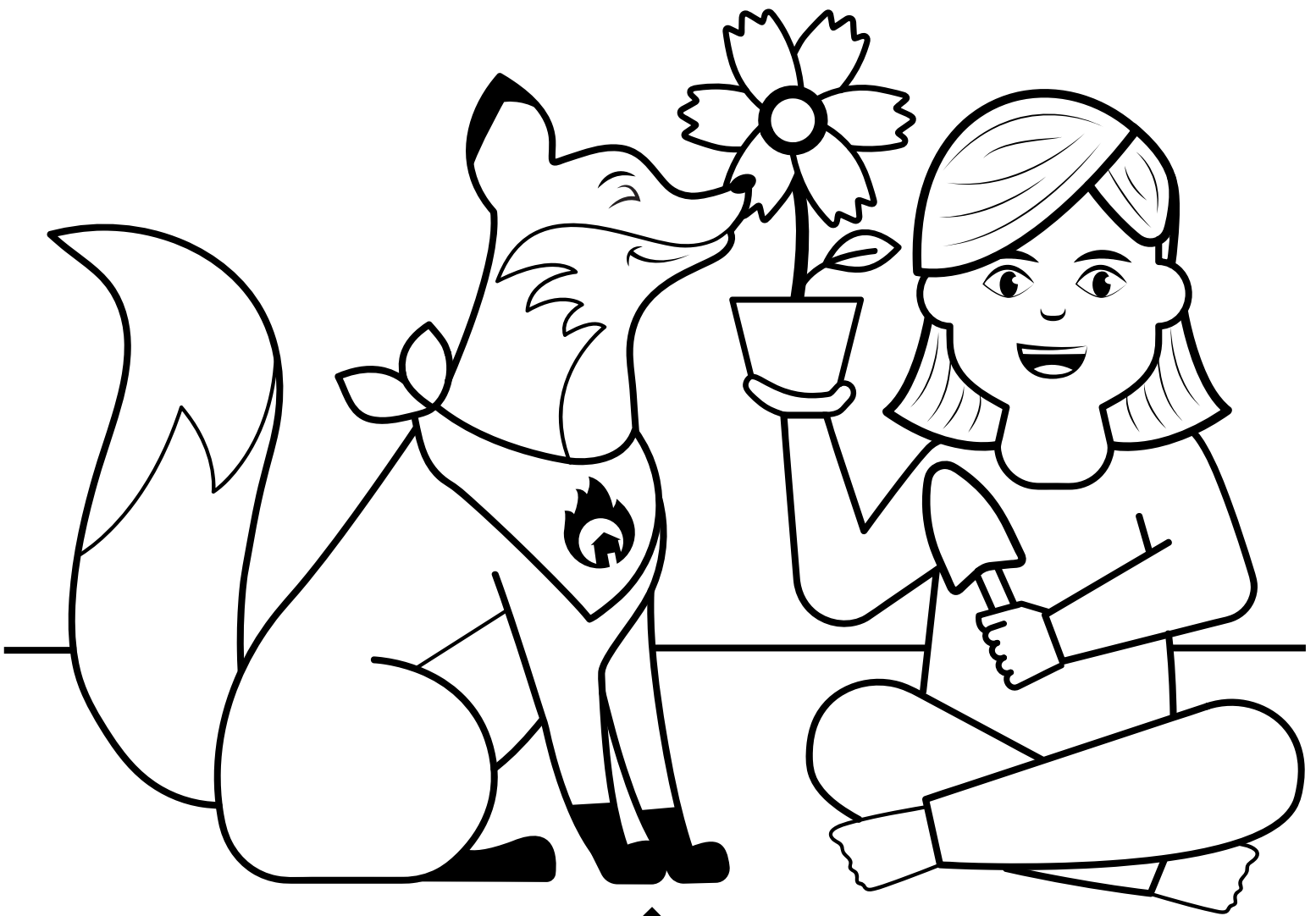


**FireSmart Tip: Remove branches that hang over the roof.**



**This artwork was created by Angela Kimble, a Coast Salish/Nuu-Cha-Nulth artist from Tsawout First Nation in Saanichton, British Columbia.**

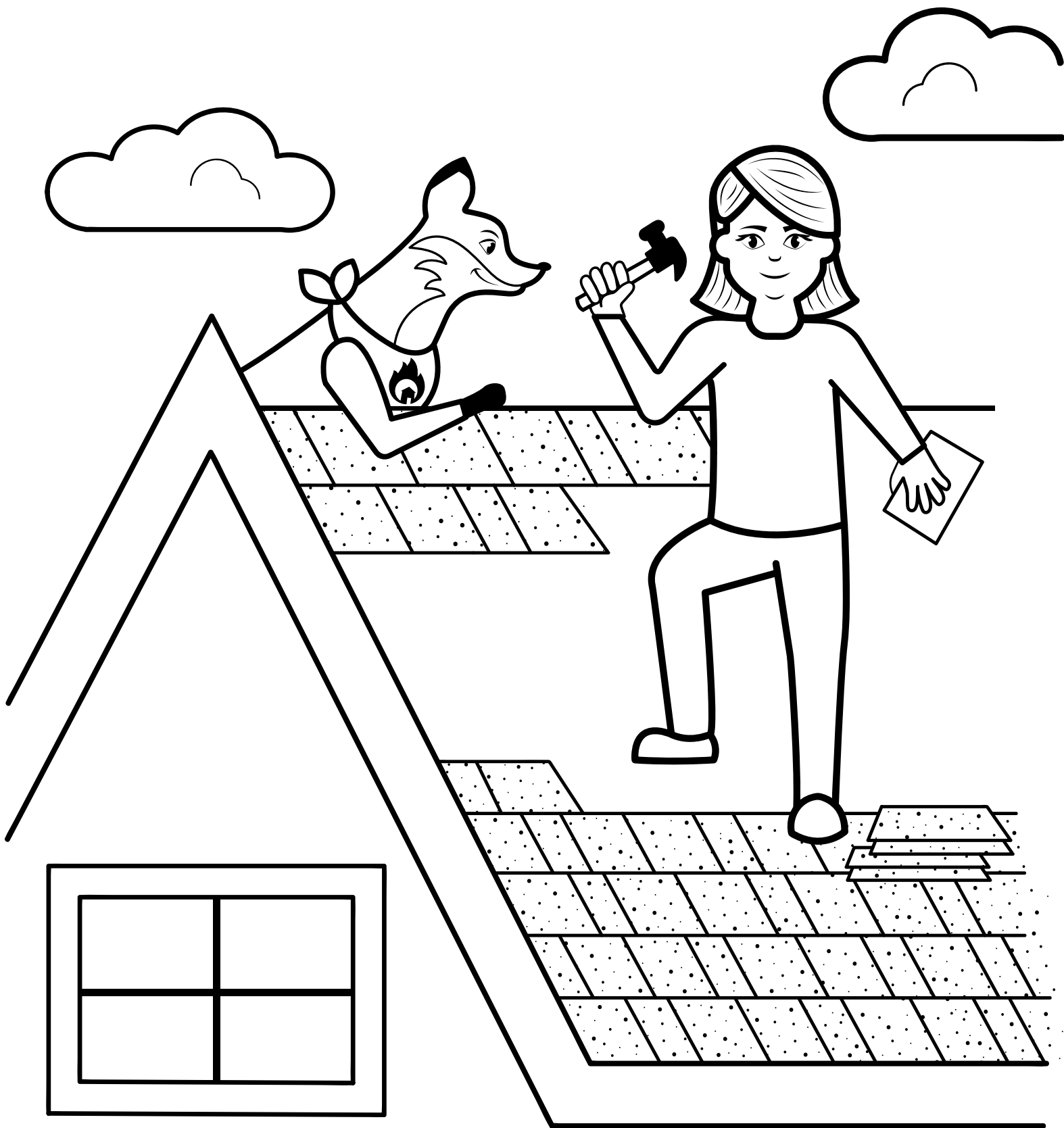




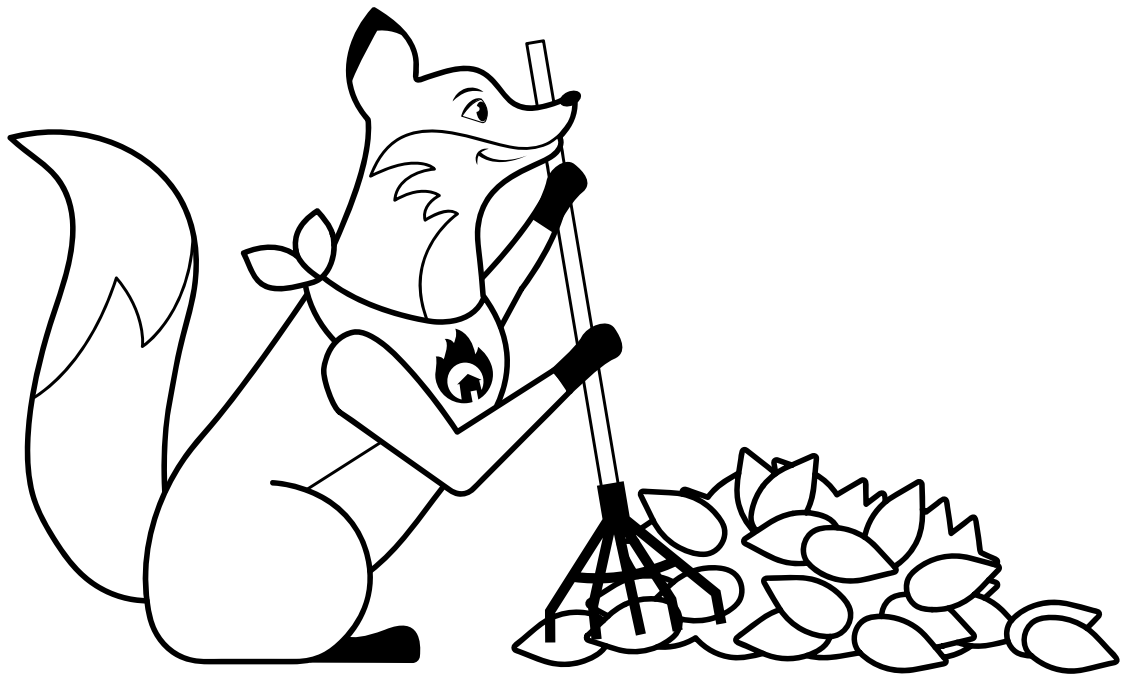
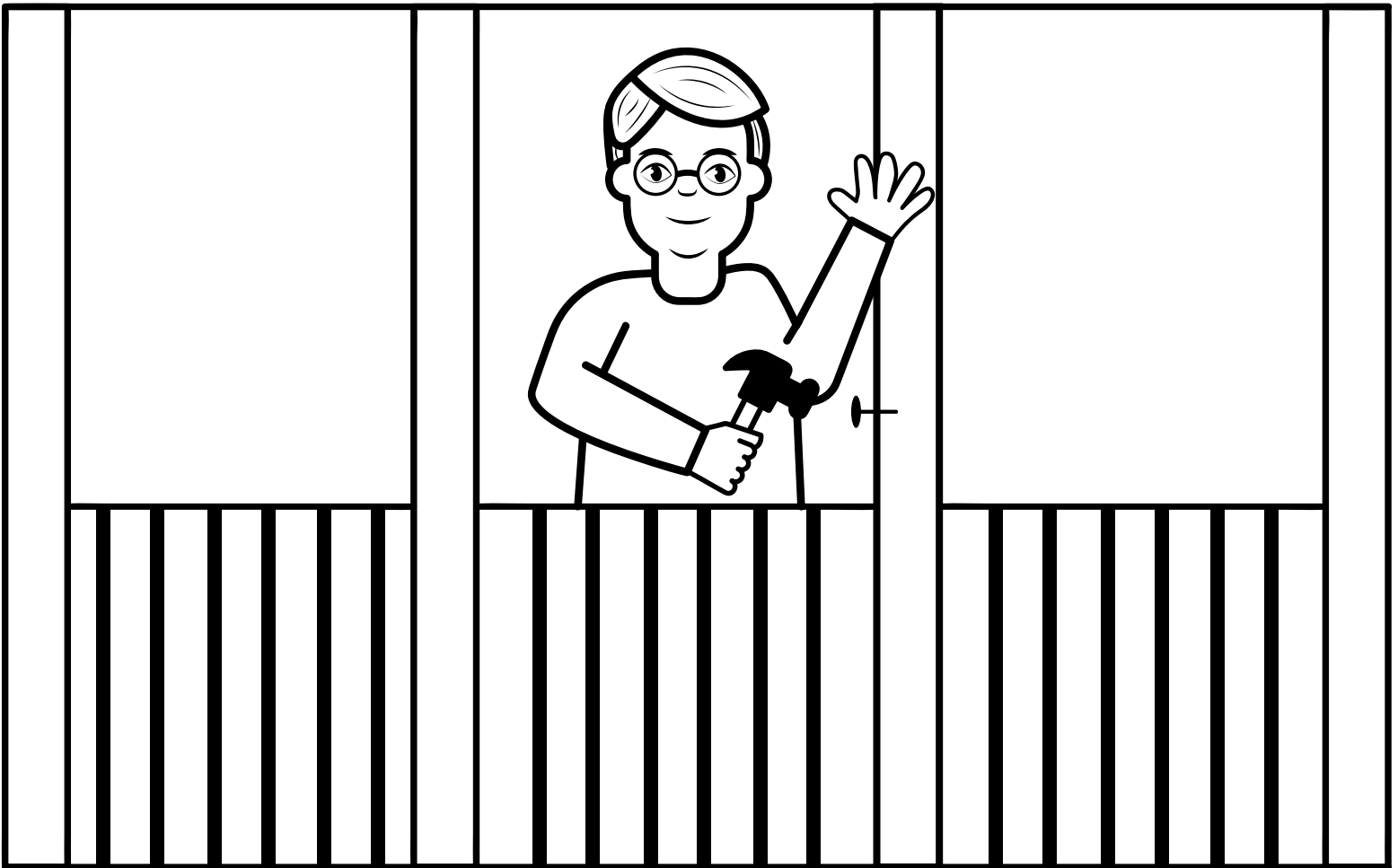
**FireSmart Tip: Plant  
fire-resistant vegetation.**



**FireSmart Tip: Keep your yard clean! Make sure it's free of branches, leaves and other things that can burn.**



**FireSmart Tip: Use fire resistant building materials.**



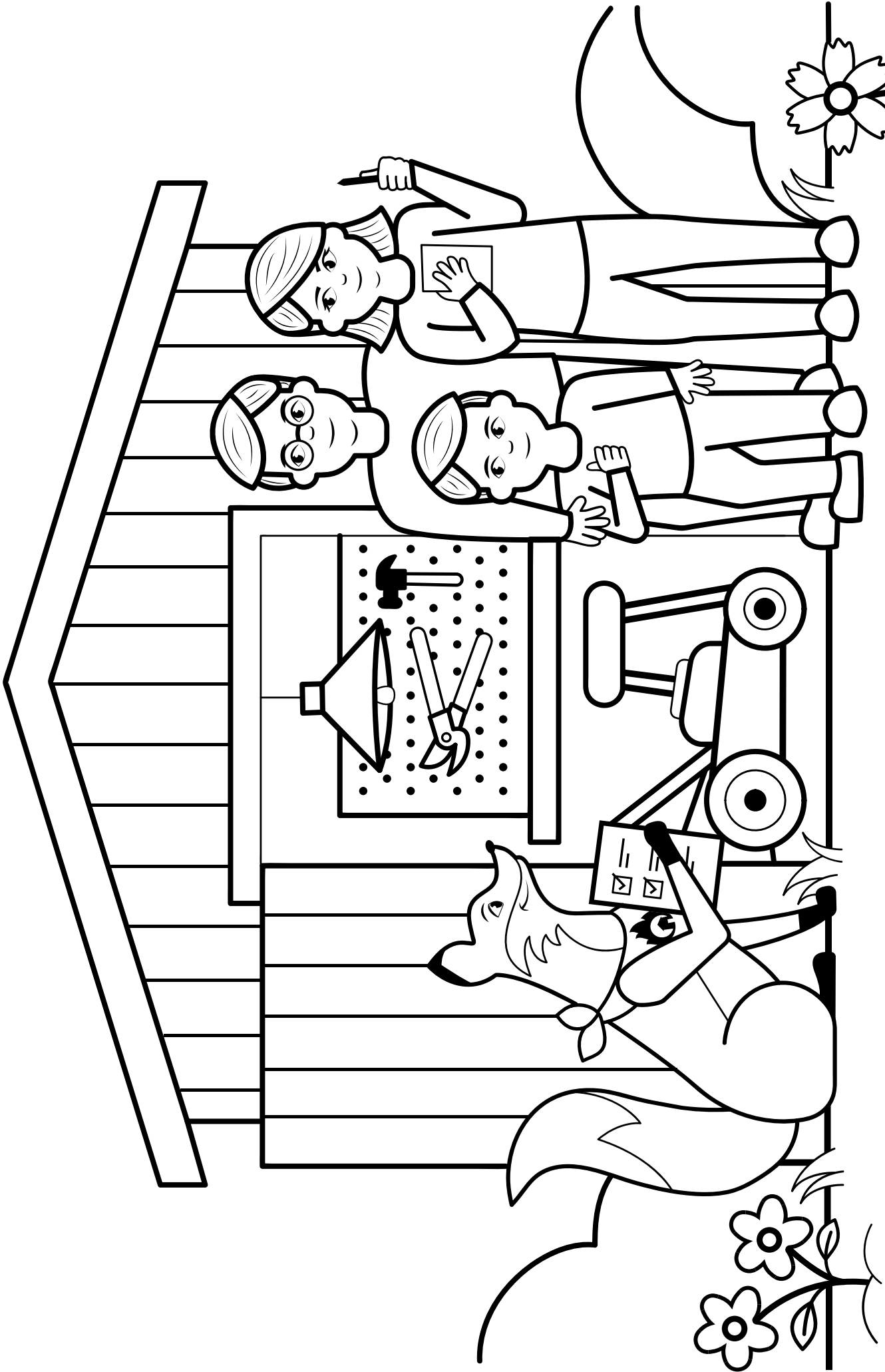
**FireSmart Tip: Clean underneath decks.**



**This artwork (Chief Little Red Fox) was created by TunkaCikala Peoples, a Sḥ̓ca̓y̓ckstx/Sinixt artist from Arrow Lakes in British Columbia.**



**FireSmart Tip: Prune tree branches within 2 metres of the ground.**



**FireSmart Tip: Use the checklist at the end of this book to see how safe your home is from wildfire.**












# How FireSmart Is Your Home?

Use this quick assessment to see how at risk your home would be during a wildfire.  
Circle the image/description that best describes your home and add the numbers to find your Hazard Level.

1.	What is your roof made of?	Metal Roof <b>0</b> 	Tile Shingles <b>0</b> 	Asphalt Shingles <b>1</b> 	Wood Shake <b>2</b> 
2.	What is the outside of your house made from?	Stucco/Cement Board <b>0</b> 	Metal Siding <b>0</b> 	Wood Siding <b>2</b> 	Vinyl Siding <b>2</b> 
3.	What is your deck made from? Does it have a skirt?	Fire Resistant Material <b>0</b> 	Wood Closed In <b>0</b> 	Wood Open Bottom <b>1</b> 	
4.	Are your eaves open or closed? *eaves are the underside of your roof overhang		Closed Eaves <b>0</b>		Open Eaves <b>2</b>
5.	Is your roof clean? Are the eavestroughs cleared?		Clean roof with no debris <b>0</b>		Eavestrough filled with leaves <b>2</b>



6.	Do you have combustibles within 10m of your home?	No <b>0</b>	Yes <b>2</b>	*combustibles are anything that will burn in a fire especially: firewood, lumber and gas powered equipment	
					
7.	What kind of ground cover do you have within 10m of your home?	Cut green grass up to house <b>0</b>	Shrubs or wild grass up to the house <b>1</b>	Logs and branches on the ground <b>2</b>	
					
8.	What kind of trees are near your house (<10m)	Deciduous (Broadleaf) <b>0</b>	Coniferous and Deciduous <b>2</b>	Coniferous (Needle leaf) <b>2</b>	
					
9.	What kind of trees are 10m-30m from your home?	Deciduous <b>0</b>	Mixed Wood <b>1</b>	Conifer <b>2</b>	
<b>OTHER</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
10.	Ladder Fuels	Are the trees 10m-30m from your home pruned to 2m above the ground?		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
11.	Address	Is your address visible for emergency vehicles?		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
12.	Driveway Access (Acreage Only)	Could a fire truck use your driveway?		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
13.	Evacuation Plan	Do you have an evacuation plan?		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Hazard Level - Add up all your points circled above and see where your home rates.

Points Page 1

Points Page 2

**Total Points**

Low < 5 points

Medium 5 - 10 points

High > 10 points

If your score is more than 10 points, what can you do to make your home safer in a wildfire?

## Where do I go next?

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