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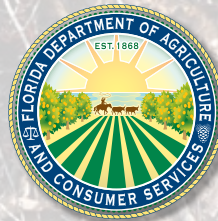
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Outdoor Burning Tips

- Clear an area down to bare soil around your pile to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Make sure you meet the required setbacks.
- Burn only yard waste, no household garbage (includes paper products and newspapers).
- Cover a non-combustible container with wire mesh to keep sparks from flying out and starting new fires.
- Don't burn on windy days.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep a water hose or shovel handy in case your fire escapes.
- Make sure smoke does not obstruct visibility on nearby roads.
- Be sure fire is completely out before you leave.
- Check with your local Florida Forest Service office to make sure it is legal to burn in your area.
- If you have questions on outdoor burning, please contact your local Florida Forest Service office or visit FloridaForestService.com.



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Before Burning Outdoors in Florida

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Did You Know?

- Escaped debris burning is one of the leading causes of wildfires in Florida.
- The Florida Forest Service administers Florida's outdoor burning and forest fire laws.
- Some types of burning require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service while others do not.
- Burning yard waste does not require an authorization, but you must follow the rules for your area.

Burning Authorization Required

Agricultural, silvicultural, land clearing, pile, and acreage burning all require a burning authorization from the **Florida Forest Service**.

Burning Authorization Not Required

Authorization is not required to burn yard waste as long as you meet the required setbacks and there are no local, city, or county ordinances in place that prohibit burning.

Check with your local, city, and county officials to find out if there are any restrictions in your area.

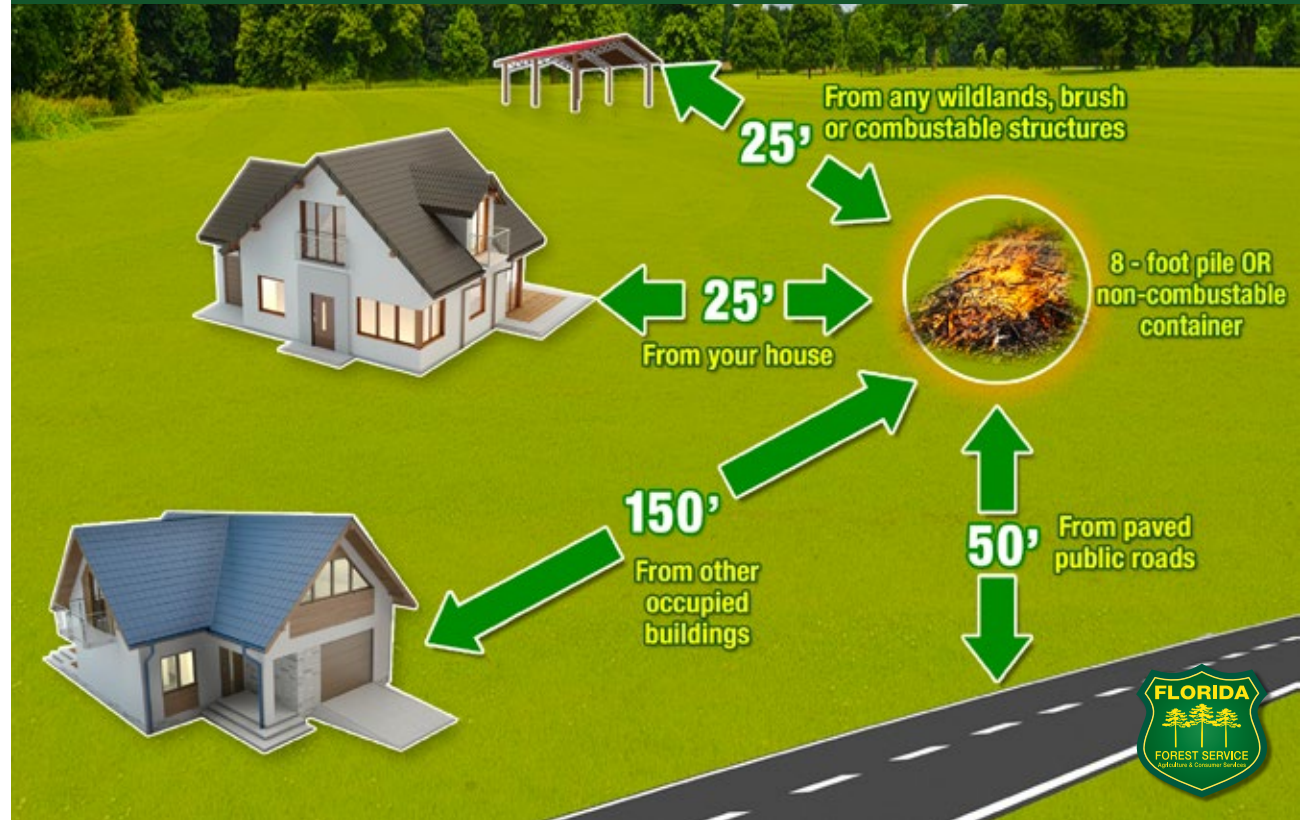
What is Yard Waste?

Yard waste is any vegetative debris, such as grass clippings, brush, leaves, tree limbs, palm fronds, etc., that are a result of yard maintenance.

You may burn yard waste without authorization as long as:

- You meet the required setbacks and no local, city, or county ordinances prohibit burning,

Required Setbacks for Burning



- The yard waste was generated on your property and it will fit in an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible container, and
- The fire is ignited after 9 a.m. eastern time or 8 a.m. central time and is extinguished one hour before sunset.

Large Pile Burns

NOTE: Piles greater than 8 feet in diameter will require all of the below:

- An authorization from the Florida Forest Service.
- Suppression equipment on hand.
- Additional setback requirements.

It is illegal to burn household garbage (including paper products), treated lumber, plastics, rubber materials, tires, pesticides, paint, and aerosol containers.

REMEMBER!

If your fire escapes, you may be liable for costs of suppression and damage to property of others.