

Burning of hurricane yard/debris following Hurricane Mathew

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Burning authorizations are required from the Florida Forest Service for agricultural, silvicultural land clearing, pile and acreage burning. Call the local field office in Bunnell at 386-585-6151. The Florida Forest Service in Bunnell serves Volusia County, Flagler and St. Johns counties.

Burning authorizations are not required to burn yard waste in Volusia County as long as the required setbacks are met. These setbacks are the same under state law. Residents of cities need to check with their local fire departments regarding their setbacks and ordinances that may prohibit burning.

Yard waste burning setbacks:

- 25 feet from forests
- 50 feet from paved public roads
- 25 feet from your house
- 150 feet from other occupied buildings

Yard debris piles must not be larger than 8 feet diameter! If piles are larger than 8 feet, burn authorizations from the FFS field office in Bunnell are required along with suppression equipment.

Fires may not be ignited before 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and must be extinguished one hour before sunset.

NOTE: Piles greater than 8 feet in diameter will require an 1) authorization from the Florida Forest Service, 2) must have suppression equipment on hand, and 3) need to meet additional setback requirements.

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 as long as:

- The yard waste was generated on your property and it will fit in an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible container.
- You may not burn household garbage including paper products, treated lumber, plastics, rubber materials, tires, pesticide, paint and aerosol containers

Please be advised that you are RESPONSIBLE for any escaped fire, suppression expenses and damage to the property of others.