

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ☑ Everyone in the area will be affected by increased wildfire activity.
- ☑ Downed vegetation can prevent firefighter access to your property.
- ☑ Available firefighting equipment can be tied up for extended periods slowing response time to additional fires.
- ☑ Main roadways which now provide avenues of escape can be blocked by wildfires burning close to the roadside.
- ☑ Smoke can aggravate health problems and create unsafe travel conditions.
- ☑ Roofing and siding that has been damaged by the wind can allow fire to enter your home.
- ☑ Increased fire intensity can break windows that are not tempered glass or double pane.

FIREWISE PLANT LIST

(less flammable plants)

TREES

- Ash
- Magnolia
- Citrus
- Crape Myrtle
- Dogwood
- Jacaranda
- Live Oak
- Loquat
- Maple

- Redbud

SHRUBS

- Agave
- Aloe
- Azalea
- Ligustrum
- Philodendron
- Pittosporum
- Red Yucca
- Viburnum
- Winged Elm

For additional plants, go to:

www.FDACS.gov/DefensibleSpace

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE FIELD HEADQUARTERS BY COUNTIES

Blackwater Forestry Center (850) 957-5700
Escambia • Okaloosa • Santa Rosa

Chipola River Forestry Center (850) 691-0800
Bay • Calhoun • Gulf • Holmes • Jackson • Walton
• Washington

Tallahassee Forestry Center (850) 681-5950
Franklin • Gadsden • Jefferson • Liberty • Leon •
Wakulla

Perry Forestry District (850) 223-0750
Dixie • Lafayette • Madison • Taylor

Suwannee Forestry Center (386) 243-6260
Baker • Bradford • Columbia • Hamilton • Suwannee
• Union

Jacksonville Forestry District (904) 266-8350
Clay • Duval • Nassau

Waccasassa Forestry Center (352) 395-4950
Alachua • Gilchrist • Levy • Marion • Putnam

Bunnell Forestry District (386) 585-6150
Flagler • St. Johns • Volusia

Withlacoochee Forestry Center (352) 797-4101
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Orlando Forestry District (407) 888-8767
Brevard • Orange • Osceola • Seminole

Lakeland Forestry District (863) 940-6700
Hillsborough • Pinellas • Polk

Myakka River Forestry District (941) 213-6971
Charlotte • DeSoto • Hardee • Manatee • Sarasota

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• Okeechobee • St. Lucie

Caloosahatchee Forestry Center (239) 690-8000
Collier • Hendry • Lee

Everglades Forestry District (954) 453-2818
Broward • Miami-Dade • Monroe • Palm Beach



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BE FIREWISE AFTER THE STORM
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Be Firewise After the Storms



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Hurricane winds caused wide-spread destruction of vegetation in our area. Trees were uprooted and broken, and left in large tangled piles to dry. This dried fuel creates an ideal environment for dangerous wildfires.

Both the size of the downed trees and the way they were entangled will make fire suppression dangerous. Fires can be expected to be more intense increasing the danger to homes and residents not properly prepared.

A FIREWISE HOME HAS:

- At least 30 feet of defensible space around structures. This area should be kept free of leaves and debris. It should be kept well mowed and irrigated (within limits of any existing water restrictions). If you do not have 30 feet, work with what you have.
- Roofs and gutters free of leaves, pine needles, twigs and branches.
- Structures that are built with fire-resistant materials for roofs, siding and decks.
- Removed all combustibles – wood, propane tanks, gas grills, motor homes, boats, ATV, cars – under or near structures.
- Trimmed all branches up to 10 feet and removed all vines climbing up trees or structures.
- Gravel or chunky bark for mulch.
- Installed spark arresters on the chimney.
- FIREWISE plants for landscaping. Highly flammable plants such as Palmetto or wax myrtle are kept away from structures.
- A driveway at least 12 feet wide.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make your Home *FIREWISE*!

When repairing storm damage to your home, use only non-flammable materials and FIREWISE plants.

Trees pruned to eliminate ladder fuels

Shrubs no higher than 18" within 30' area

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

