

Defining Yard Waste

Yard waste -- which typically consists of tree limbs, scrub trimmings, palms, leaves and other brush -- can only be burned at the property from which it originated, it cannot be transported to other locations.

Citizens are prohibited from burning*

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| Household garbage | Cardboard |
| Paper products | Glass |
| Tires | Pesticides |
| Treated wood | Paint containers |
| Cloth | Aerosol containers |
| Packing materials | Construction debris |
| Roofing materials | Rubber |
| Electrical wiring | Plastics |
- Any other materials that are prohibited by code
 * Per state law and county ordinance



Illegal Burn Fines & Penalties

First Offense	Warning/Education
Second Offense	\$50.00
Third and Subsequent Offenses	\$130.00

Does Your Burn Area Look Like This?

BARE SOIL

NO MORE THAN
8 FT IN DIAMETER

OR

NON COMBUSTABLE
METAL BARREL

THE CONTAINER

- Clear an area to bare soil (including removing grass) and remove all materials to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Backyard burning is limited to piles of 8 feet in diameter or less. Any pile larger than 8 feet in diameter are regulated by the Florida Forest Service.
- Alternatively, burns can be placed in a non-combustible metal container. Citizens must be cautious when performing any burning to prevent injury or property damage.

THE SETBACKS

- To ensure safety, the burn pile should be the proper distance away from all the following:
 - 1) 150 ft. from neighboring buildings
 - 2) 50 ft. from paved public roadways
 - 3) 25 ft. from your home and your other buildings, as well as forests and brush
- 150 ft. is half the size of a football field. Most people who live in a subdivision will not meet the setback requirements to burn safely. Firefighters encourage citizens to use a range finder, distance wheel or tape measure to accurately determine distances.

150 FEET FROM NEIGHBORING BUILDINGS

50 FEET FROM PAVED PUBLIC ROADWAYS

25 FEET FROM YOUR HOME AND YOUR OTHER BUILDINGS, FORESTS AND BRUSH

- Recreational fires defined as campfires, ceremonial bonfires, outdoor fireplaces, contained outdoor heating or cooking devices, or fires used for warming of outdoor fires using vegetative debris and untreated wood are not regulated by the setbacks of backyard burning.
- Per Florida Administrative Code 51-2 Open Burning deemed a recreation fire shall be permitted and not regulated by the backyard burning regulations.
- Smoke conditions shall be monitored for recreational fires and any fire which is deemed a nuisance may be required to be extinguished. Marion County Fire Rescue shall have the final decision on what type of fire creates a nuisance.

THE BURNING ALTERNATIVE

Take advantage of Marion County's landfill and recycling centers. Call Marion County Solid Waste at (352) 671-8465 for more information.



THE CONDITIONS FOR BURNING

Monitor weather forecasts and delay backyard burning during windy conditions, burn bans, or declared red flag warning days.

All backyard burns must be attended at all times and ensure all regulations are met during burning. Please refer to Marion County Code of Ordinances Article 3 Open Burning for all rules regarding backyard burning.

Burning cannot occur until after 09:00 a.m. eastern time and must be extinguished one hour prior to sunset.

THE TRUTH ABOUT BACKYARD BURNING

Improper backyard burning is one of the leading causes of fire in Florida.

Approx. 9,000 acres in Marion County have been lost to escaped backyard burns since Sept. 2009.

On average, Florida experiences the second highest number of wildfires in the nation. During dry years, Florida experiences severe wildfires that destroy homes, disrupt people's lives and impact our economy.

In fact, almost 1/3 of our population now lives in interface areas where structures intermingle with forests and wildlands. Residents here, however, usually don't realize they may live too "close to nature" and they may, in fact, be living on the edge of a wildfire disaster.

Please call the Florida Division of Forestry for burn permits if you cannot meet these requirements, or conducting a land clearing, agricultural or silvicultural operation, or for piles greater than 8 feet in diameter.
(352) 395-4951

Call MCFR with Questions:
(352) 291-8000

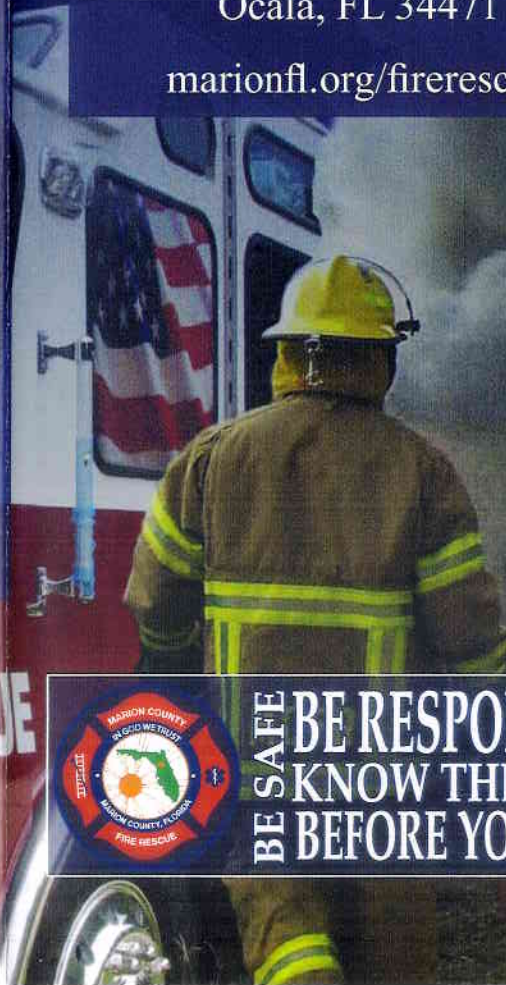
For Burn Permits call
Division of Forestry:
(352) 395-4951

Marion County Fire Rescue
Fire Chief:
James Banta
Fire Marshal:
Ken McCann

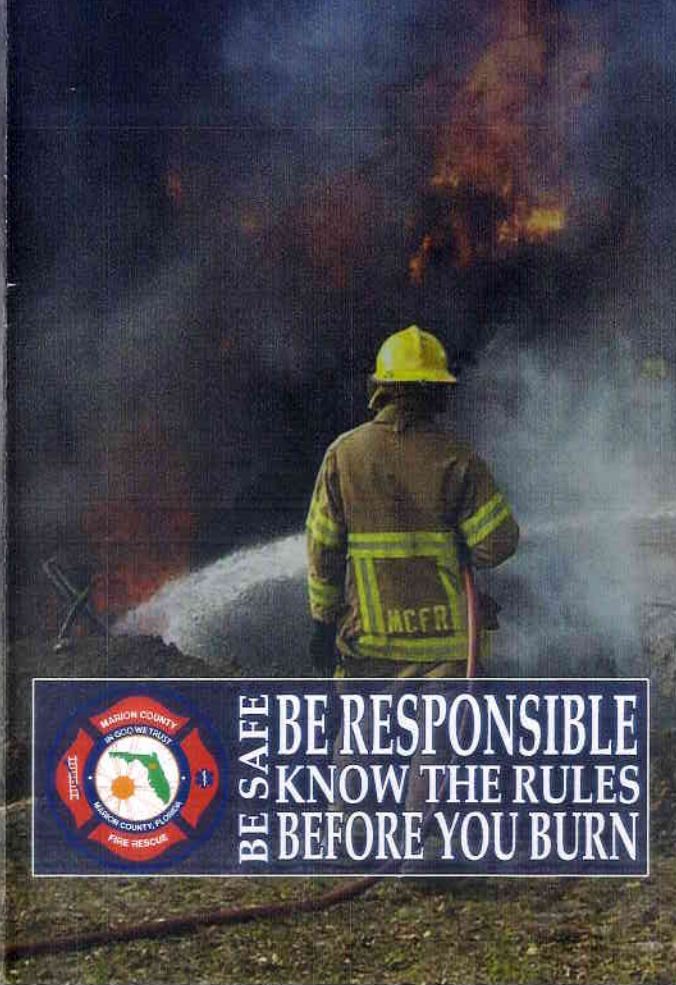
2631 SE 3rd Street
Ocala, FL 34471

marionfl.org/firerescue

MARION COUNTY'S BACKYARD BURNING GUIDELINES



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