



ST. JOHNS COUNTY
FIRE RESCUE
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St. Johns County Extends Burn Ban

St. Johns County, FL – After careful consideration of current fire conditions, both locally and across the state, the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners extended the burn ban within St. Johns County effective May 16, 2017. The burn ban will expire no later than August 14.

The burn ban restricts all residential outdoor burning of leaves and yard debris, fireworks of any kind, campfires, flares, and other outdoor burning devices. Cooking fires within a barbeque or hibachi grill, or other similar devices specifically intended for cooking, are permitted.

While no major wildfires are occurring within St. Johns County at this time, officials encourage all residents to prepare a home safety plan for all members of their household, including two evacuation routes, a ready supply of food, water and medical needs, and transportation. Residents should also create a defensible space surrounding their homes free of debris, and clean gutters and roofs of leaves or branches that could easily ignite during a fire.

For more information on how to protect your home from a wildfire, please visit the Florida Forest Service Website at <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire>. For more information on St. Johns County's burn ban, please call 904.209.1750.

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