



## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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Communications Division

### **St. Johns County Post-Storm Yard Debris Burning Information**

As St. Johns County residents begin to clean up storm debris from Hurricane Irma, the Florida Forest Service urges residents to follow these rules for safe yard debris burning:

- Make sure you meet the required setbacks (see attached graphic).
- Clear the area down to bare soil around your pile to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Cover a non-combustible container with wire mesh to keep sparks from flying out and starting new fires.
- Burn only yard waste, no household garbage (includes paper products and newspapers).
- 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.

Piles larger than eight feet in diameter require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service. For an authorization, call 386.585.6150.

Be advised that the burning of yard waste/storm debris is not allowed inside St. Augustine city limits. For information on the city's storm debris collection plan, visit [CityofStAug.com](http://CityofStAug.com), [facebook.com/CityofStAug](https://facebook.com/CityofStAug) or call (904) 825-1040.

For more information, please call the St. Johns County Emergency Management hotline at 904.824.5550 or visit [www.sjcf.us/hurricane](http://www.sjcf.us/hurricane).