



REMEMBER:

**DEFENSIBLE SPACE
WORKS! HELP
FIREFIGHTERS DO THEIR
JOB TO ADEQUATELY
DEFEND YOUR HOME
AND PROPERTY.**

For more information, please contact:

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

Orlando Forestry Division
407-888-8760

SEMINOLE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

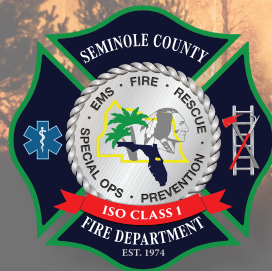
407-665-5175
www.seminolecountyfl.gov/firedepartment



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Visit www.Firewise.org for additional resources

TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



BE PREPARED FOR WILDFIRES

TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRE

CREATE A 30- TO 100-FOOT* SAFETY ZONE AROUND YOUR HOME

The following tips will create a defensive space to help protect your property against wildfire and help firefighters do their job.

All home layouts are different... please contact the Florida Forest Services' Orlando District for assistance with your mitigation plan.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

- Rake leaves, dead limbs, and twigs. Clear vegetation near and around home.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Remove vines from the walls of your home.
- Prune shrubs and low limbs on trees (at least 15 ft above the ground) to prevent fires from climbing into trees.
- Remove dead branches that extend over your roof.
- Ask your power company to clear branches from powerlines.

FOLLOW BURNING REGULATIONS:

- Clear a 10 ft. area around any propane tanks, grills or fire pits. Place a metal screen over the grill.
- Soak hot ashes in cold water and bury. Never dump into a container holding household trash.
- Regularly dispose of trash and recyclables at curbside collection or approved sites.

**Homes built in pine forests should have a minimum safety zone of 100 ft.*

PLAN YOUR WATER NEEDS

- Have an ample irrigation system you can utilize.
- Have multiple garden hoses that are long enough to reach any area of your home and other structures on your property.
- If you have a pool or well, consider a pump.
- Install exterior water outlets on at least two sides of your home and near other structures on your property. Install additional outlets at least 50 ft. from the home.



ENSURE A FIRE ENGINE CAN ACCESS YOUR PROPERTY

(minimum 10 ft. wide & 10 ft. overhead clearance. Clearly identify/mark septic tanks, cisterns, etc.)