

TRASH FIRE...



TOO DRY - TOO RISKY

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Trash Fires Can Become Wildfires

The continued drought, and several hard freezes that killed grasses and woodland brush, have significantly increased the occurrence of wildfires throughout Florida.

Forestry officials say that approximately 20 percent of all wildfires in Florida are the result of escaped yard trash fires (tree leaves and branches). This year, firefighters throughout Florida have responded to hundreds of wildfires caused by escaped yard trash fires. Several thousand acres of forest and wildland have burned as a result of these escaped fires.

Trash fires can quickly get out of control, threatening your life and property, your neighbors, and nearby woodlands. The wildfire danger is extremely high — it's too dry and too risky — so call the local office of the Florida Division of Forestry before you burn.

For more information about protecting your home from wildfire, call your local Florida Division of Forestry office.



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