# KNOW THE LAW BEFORE YOU BURN!



## What Can You Legally Burn Without an Authorization from the Florida Forest Service?



### **Household Yard Waste** that Includes:

- Leaves
- . Brush
- Grass clippings
- Palm fronds



#### **You Cannot Burn:**

- Land-clearing debris
- . Tree-cutting debris
- Household paper products



#### To <u>Legally</u> Burn Yard Waste Without an Authorization, You Must:

- 1. Confirm with your local fire department that no local or county ordinances prohibit such burning.
- 2. Ensure your fire meets the required setbacks.
- 3. Ensure your fire is in a noncombustible container or a pile less than 8 ft. in diameter on ground cleared of combustible material.
- 4. Ensure your fire is attended to at all times.
- 5. Ensure your fire is started after 9:00 a.m. and out by at least 1 hour before sunset.
- 6. Ensure adequate fire extinguishing equipment is available at all times.
- 7. Ensure smoke is not a hazard or nuisance.

#### **Required Setbacks**



25 ft. from forest, brush and combustible structures



50 ft. from paved public roads





150 ft. from occupied buildings other than your home

IF YOUR FIRE ESCAPES,
YOU MAY BE LIABLE FOR SUPPRESSION COSTS AND
DAMAGES TO THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.