

What Is Prescribed Fire?

Prescribed fire is a planned, carefully controlled burn used to keep forests healthy and reduce the risk of dangerous wildfires

Fire is natural — many Florida ecosystems need it to survive

Why Is Prescribed Fire Important?

» Reduces Wildfire Risk

Safely burns extra leaves, brush, and fallen wood before they can fuel a wildfire

» Supports Wildlife

Opens the forest floor to sunlight, helping food and shelter plants grow. Animals like deer, turkey, and gopher tortoises depend on fire-managed habitats

» Helps Native Plants Grow

Fire returns nutrients to the soil and encourages wildflowers and native plants

» Keeps Forests Healthy

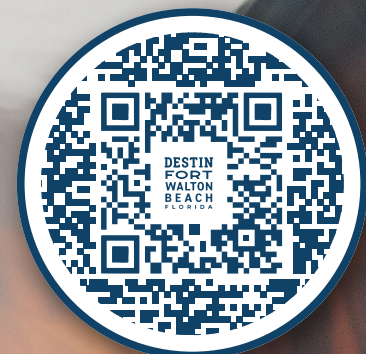
Reduces pests, disease, and invasive plants that don't survive fire

» Improves Outdoor Access

Clears thick underbrush, making hiking and wildlife viewing easier

» Smart + Cost-Effective

One of the most affordable forest-management tools with costs frequently under \$50/acre (Mechanical thinning can range \$1500-\$4000/acre)



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is the **Safety Top Priority** in a Prescribed Fire

HOW ARE PEOPLE + HOMES KEPT SAFE?

BEFORE THE BURN

- A detailed burn plan sets strict weather and safety rules
- Trained fire professionals plan and lead every burn
- The public is notified in advance with location and timing information

DURING THE BURN

- Warning signs are posted on nearby roads
- Crews review safety plans before lighting the fire

AFTER THE BURN

- An After Action Report is completed after the fire is out
- Results are reviewed to improve future burns

BEFORE
THE BURN



AFTER
THE BURN



WEEKS
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