










# ***Tice Fire Protection and Rescue District***



## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA DRY SEASON SAFETY TIPS**

According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, homeowners should take a few key steps to protect their homes from wildfires:

-  Keep a “defensible space” of 30 feet around your home free of dense groups of trees and other potential fire fuel. If you don’t have 30 feet, work with what you have.
-  Keep roof gutters clear of dried leaves, pine needles, branches and other debris.
-  Store combustibles such as gasoline a safe distance from the home.
-  Remove vines attached to your home that could carry fire to the roof.
-  Remove flammable plants such as palmetto, wax myrtle and melaleuca from within 30 feet of your home.
-  Use fire-resistant material for your roof, including tile or metal.
-  Keep your yard well-trimmed and watered.
-  Install water sprinklers on your roof.
-  Trim tree branches so they’re at least 10 feet from the ground.

### **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

