

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER PERTAINING TO A BAN  
ON THE USE OF FLARES, EXPLOSIVES, OR OUTDOOR  
BURNING DEVICES OR OTHERWISE LAWFUL OUTDOOR  
BURNING**

**WHEREAS**, a state of local emergency is hereby declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, because of the severe threat of fire to lives and property of residents of Marion County Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of local emergency in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38 shall last until 5:00 P.M., February 17, 2026, unless extended as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, that due to the hot, dry, parched, windy conditions which continue to cause, exacerbate, and threaten wildfires within Marion County, further measures are required to protect Marion County citizens and visitors, and to otherwise protect their health, safety, welfare and property;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, it is hereby ordered that, during the state of local emergency, the sale, dispensing, use or discharge of (1) items listed in Florida Statute 791.01(4)(c) using explosive or combustible compounds (excluding auto burglar alarms used for their intended use, (2) flares; and the use of outdoor burning devices, campfires, burning of yard debris, or warming fires shall be prohibited throughout Marion County during the period of local emergency and any extension(s) thereof with the following exceptions:

- a. Attended and monitored barbeque/cooking equipment in an approved commercial container or cooking device.
- b. The countywide, mandatory Burn Ban prohibits all outdoor burning that has not been specifically permitted by the Florida Forest Service. Bonfires, campfires, and the burning of vegetative (yard) debris is not allowed during this ban.
- c. Public firework displays will be evaluated for approval on a case-by-case basis. These events may require additional fire suppression equipment, fire suppression personnel, and a fire inspector on site if approved. This is pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the Marion County Special Use Permit, Marion County Fire Rescue Fireworks Permit Application, and Marion County Resolution 20-R-140 establishing fees for standby services.

Any person violating the provisions of this Order may be subject to reimbursing the County for costs and expenses incurred as a result of such violation, including without limitation, response and suppression costs. The Fire Department will be responsible for calculating the hourly rate for personnel and apparatus and all other costs associated with extinguishing the illegal burn, for every hour or fraction thereof and for billing the responsible party or parties to recover the cost of such response, if determined applicable by the Fire Chief. The payment of such costs shall be in addition to any fines or penalties imposed.

If any provision of the Order is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Order, which shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.

This order shall remain in effect during the Forest and Brush Fire Emergency unless earlier modified or rescinded.

The state of local emergency may be modified in whole or in part, extended, or may be terminated upon the joint recommendation of the Marion County Fire Chief and the County Administrator, by action of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, with ratifications by the Board of County Commissioners as soon as is practical at a regular or special meeting.

Any person violating this order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in sections 775.081, 775.082 or 775.083 Florida Statutes.

**DONE and ORDERED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Zalak III', written over a horizontal line.

**CARL ZALAK III, CHAIRMAN**

Florida Forest Service - Current County-Enacted Burn Bans



County-Enacted Burn Bans as of February 08, 2026

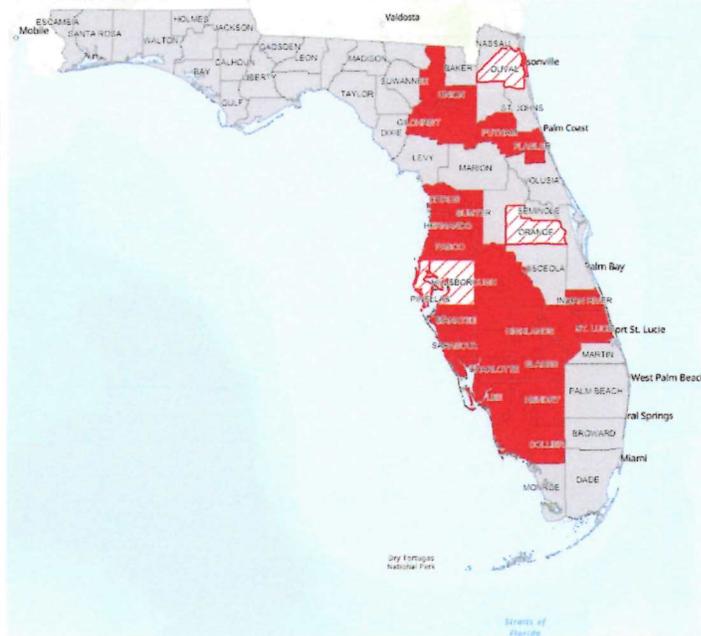
Burn Bans\*

- Burn Ban
- No Burn Ban
- Yard Debris Burn Always Prohibited

- HIGHLANDS
- INDIAN RIVER
- LEE
- MANATEE
- OKEECHOBEE
- PASCO
- POLK
- PUTNAM
- SARASOTA
- ST. LUCIE
- SUMTER
- UNION

Yard Debris Burning Always Prohibited\*

- DUVAL
- HILLSBOROUGH
- ORANGE
- PINELLAS

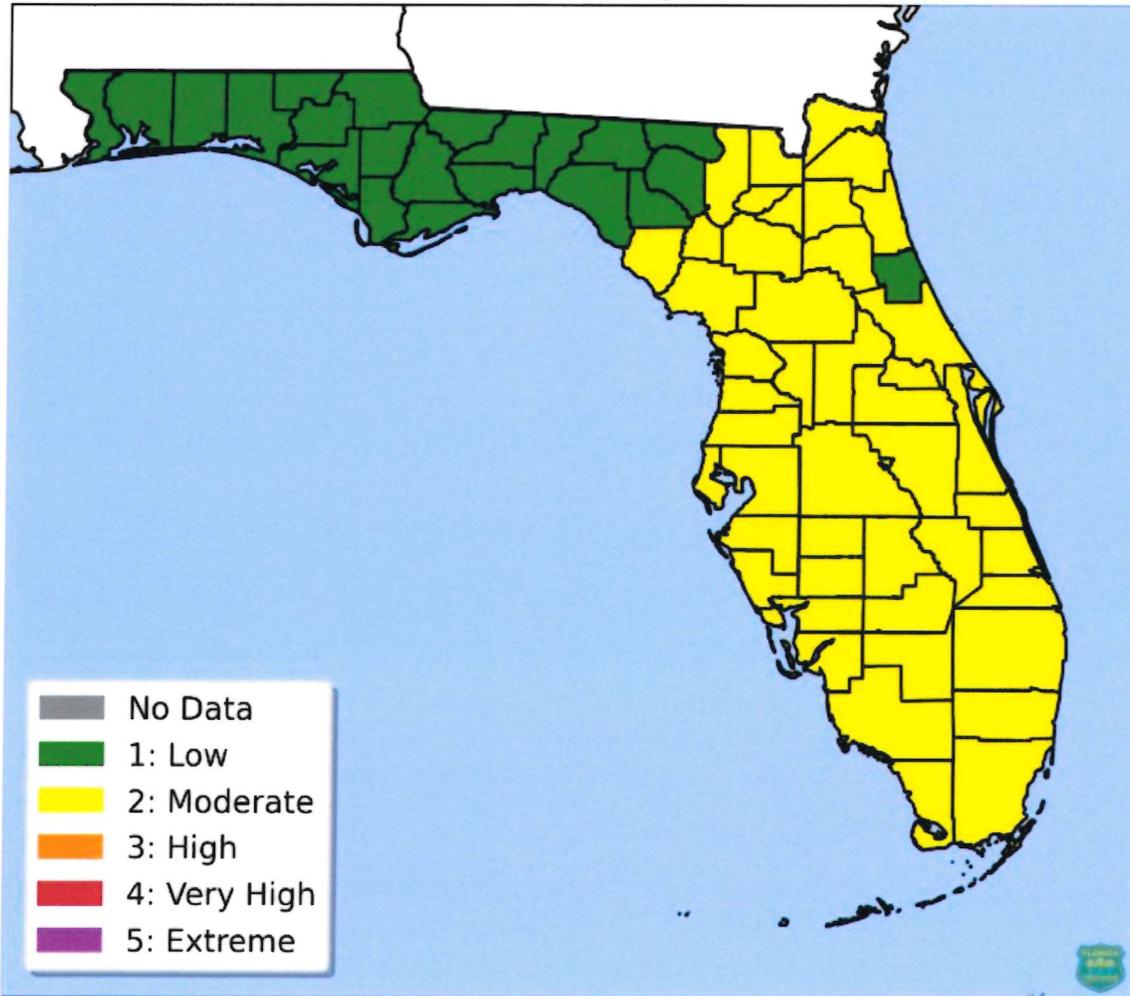


According to the Florida Fire Danger Index (FDI) report dated 02/10/2026, Marion County and the surrounding counties remain at a moderate level of 2 on the 1–5 scale, where 1 represents low fire danger and 5 represents extreme fire danger.



# Fire Danger Maps and Fire Danger Index (FDI) Report

Estimated Fire Danger | Tue 02/10/26

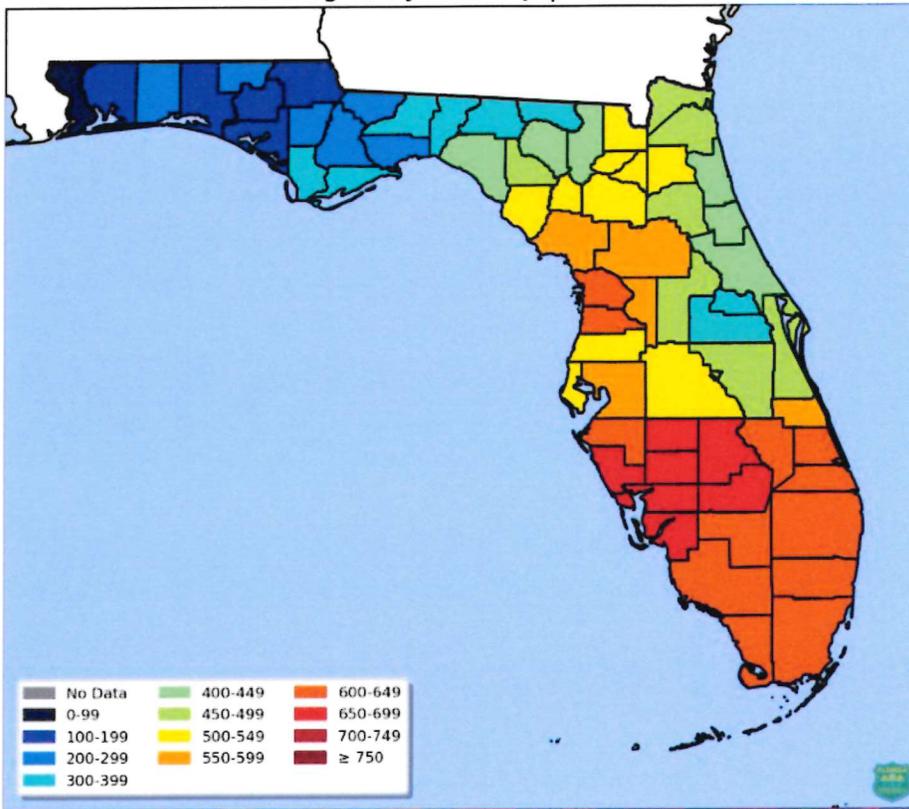


Based on the 02/09/2026 Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) county averages, Marion County's average value is 559, placing it within the 550–599 range. The state average KBDI is 483. Within the county, the lowest recorded value is 461, while the most severe area has reached a value of 642.

The Keetch-Byram drought index (KBDI) is a continuous reference scale for estimating the dryness of the soil and duff layers. The range of the index is determined by assuming that there is 8 inches of moisture in a saturated soil that is readily available to the vegetation.

Updated once every day at 1:15 p.m. Eastern/12:15 p.m. Central (Standard) or 2:15 p.m. Eastern/1:00 p.m. Central (Daylight Saving).

### KBDI Averages by County | Mon 02/09/26



### KBDI Values by County for February 09, 2026

Region	KBDI	Change	Min/Max	0-100 (%)	101-200 (%)	201-300 (%)	301-400 (%)	401-500 (%)	501-600 (%)	601-700 (%)	701-800 (%)
Hardee	667	1	627/705	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	4
DeSoto	663	2	620/712	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	3
Charlotte	662	2	603/713	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	3
Highlands	660	2	589/703	0	0	0	0	0	2	97	1
Sarasota	659	2	541/702	0	0	0	0	0	6	90	4
Glades	652	2	575/714	0	0	0	0	0	2	95	3
Lee	650	2	538/708	0	0	0	0	0	10	86	4
Miami-Dade	647	2	240/724	0	0	1	1	3	8	71	15
Martin	645	2	591/696	0	0	0	0	0	1	99	0
Palm Beach	645	2	510/722	0	0	0	0	0	13	81	6
Hendry	638	2	514/693	0	0	0	0	0	13	87	0
Manatee	638	2	565/695	0	0	0	0	0	11	89	0
Monroe	635	2	355/717	0	0	0	1	6	8	79	6
Hernando	634	2	504/689	0	0	0	0	0	22	78	0

St. Lucie	626	1	590/663	0	0	0	0	0	2	98	0
Citrus	617	1	569/665	0	0	0	0	0	38	62	0
Okeechobee	614	2	525/685	0	0	0	0	0	28	72	0
Collier	609	2	330/706	0	0	0	2	3	31	63	0
Broward	605	2	429/713	0	0	0	0	7	36	56	1
Indian River	569	2	523/607	0	0	0	0	0	94	6	0
Levy	559	2	455/657	0	0	0	0	6	73	21	0
<b>Marion</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>461/642</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Sumter	554	2	403/617	0	0	0	0	14	70	16	0
Hillsborough	553	2	412/682	0	0	0	0	35	22	43	0
Gilchrist	545	2	475/586	0	0	0	0	4	96	0	0
Union	545	2	516/564	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
Pasco	541	2	411/662	0	0	0	0	40	26	34	0
Pinellas	541	3	407/662	0	0	0	0	30	51	19	0
Bradford	527	2	470/585	0	0	0	0	20	80	0	0
Dixie	522	2	453/565	0	0	0	0	15	85	0	0
Alachua	519	3	458/577	0	0	0	0	20	80	0	0
Polk	517	3	322/666	0	0	0	10	27	47	16	0
Clay	507	2	375/573	0	0	0	5	38	57	0	0
Baker	505	2	368/587	0	0	0	4	41	56	0	0
Putnam	488	2	365/572	0	0	0	2	55	44	0	0
Lafayette	478	3	378/572	0	0	0	3	65	33	0	0
Duval	476	3	352/604	0	0	0	12	52	35	1	0
Osceola	472	3	328/574	0	0	0	17	41	42	0	0
Lake	469	3	323/590	0	0	0	8	58	35	0	0
Brevard	465	3	346/588	0	0	0	21	39	40	0	0
Nassau	454	3	321/593	0	0	0	29	40	32	0	0
Columbia	444	3	304/571	0	0	0	33	40	27	0	0
Suwannee	444	3	341/520	0	0	0	12	82	6	0	0
Flagler	443	3	415/499	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
Volusia	432	3	322/556	0	0	0	30	58	12	0	0
St. Johns	422	3	354/471	0	0	0	37	63	0	0	0
Taylor	416	3	290/492	0	0	1	27	73	0	0	0
Madison	379	3	256/464	0	0	8	55	37	0	0	0
Hamilton	374	3	282/430	0	0	3	65	32	0	0	0
Jefferson	374	3	270/466	0	0	2	75	22	0	0	0
Seminole	352	4	308/416	0	0	0	93	7	0	0	0
Orange	350	3	291/454	0	0	2	89	10	0	0	0
Franklin	347	2	271/411	0	0	8	84	9	0	0	0
Gulf	338	4	256/414	0	0	8	90	3	0	0	0
Leon	317	4	211/451	0	0	38	54	8	0	0	0
Liberty	268	4	141/412	0	9	68	22	1	0	0	0
Okaloosa	263	4	141/355	0	9	65	26	0	0	0	0
Holmes	240	4	145/296	0	3	97	0	0	0	0	0
Wakulla	232	3	136/390	0	36	48	16	0	0	0	0