

# Garden News



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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Prescribed burn in the Garden is Thursday, Nov. 14**

**NAPLES, FL – Nov. 14, 2024**

**WHAT:** Prescribed burn

Today, Nov. 14, Naples Botanical Garden is conducting a prescribed fire on approximately 5.4 acres in our Preserve. The burn began around 10:15 a.m. and will last several hours. Garden staff will continue to monitor the area into the evening and the following days to ensure no hot spots go undetected.

Small, carefully controlled fires like this one are an important public safety precaution because they reduce organic matter, such as pine needles and fallen leaves, that can fuel wildfires. Moreover, fire is critical for the health of Florida ecosystems. It encourages the growth of new plants and promotes seed sprouting, among other benefits. The Garden began reintroducing fire to its natural areas in 2023, working with a certified burn manager, his staff, and land managers from neighboring conservation organizations.

Safety precautions include the creation of firebreaks to contain the blaze to its designated area and the removal of low-growing branches and vines to keep the fire from climbing into the canopy.

The Garden will remain open during normal seasonal hours, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Portions of the Lake Trail and Preserve are closed to ensure guests' safety; the Garden is otherwise operating as usual. Smoke impacts to the Garden are expected to be minimal due to today's wind direction.

See [naplesgarden.org](https://naplesgarden.org) for more information.

**WHEN:** Nov. 14, 2024

**WHERE:** Naples Botanical Garden

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Seasonal hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (8 a.m. early entry for Members).

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