Attention Builders!

Got Gophers? Get Permits.

Before you begin clearing for a building project, you must obtain a permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) if either gopher tortoises or their burrows are present on the development site.





Gopher Tortoise

Gopher Tortoise Burrow

The gopher tortoise is protected under Florida law, Chapter 68A-27 of the Florida Administrative Code. Protect yourself and this imperiled species. Learn more at MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise or contact the nearest office of the FWC.

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