

# 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

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](http://MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise) or contact the nearest office of the FWC.

### Gopher Tortoise Burrow

**Northwest Region**  
3911 Highway 2321  
Panama City, FL 32409-1658  
850-265-3676

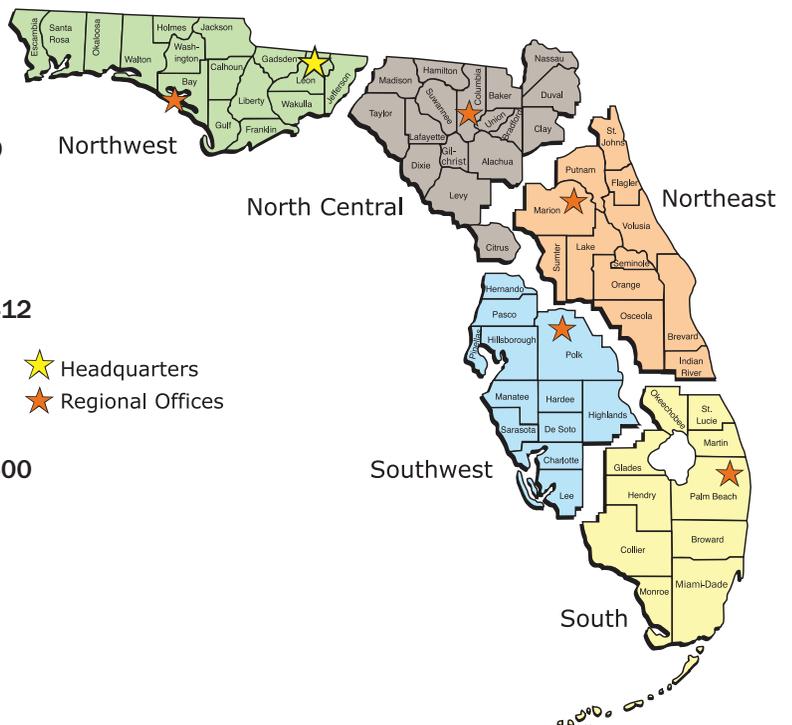
**North Central Region**  
3377 E. U.S. Highway 90  
Lake City, FL 32055-8795  
386-758-0525

**Northeast Region**  
1239 S.W. 10th St.  
Ocala, FL 34471-0323  
352-732-1225

**Southwest Region**  
3900 Drane Field Road  
Lakeland, FL 33811-1299  
863-648-3200

**South Region**  
8535 Northlake Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33412  
561-625-5122

**Headquarters**  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600  
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