

Ready, Set, Go!

GET SET: Red Flag Warning



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A Red Flag Warning is a **weather warning** issued only by the National Weather Service for a select area.

This warning forecasts warm temperatures, low humidity in dried fuel moistures, and strong winds expected within 24 hours. The combination of these increased risks results in an increased risk for a wildland fire or rapid-fire growth if an incident were to occur.

During a Red Flag Warning, **ALWAYS** follow the instructions provided by your local fire department and maintain a heightened awareness of anything that can generate a spark or flame. **ALWAYS** be prepared to take action if a wildland fire develops in your area.



Red Flag Warning Safety Tips

Equipment

- Avoid using lawn mowers on dry vegetation.
- Follow all local fire restrictions on the use of chainsaws, mowers and other equipment during high risk times.

Outdoor Fires

- Be mindful of any burn bans in your area and obtain a permit if needed.
- Extinguish outdoor fires properly, never leave them unattended. Always drown them with plenty of water.
- Soak ashes and charcoal in water and dispose of them in a metal can. These materials can re-ignite days after a fire or BBQ is extinguished.
- Report unattended outdoor fires immediately to 911.
- Make sure access roads to your property are cleared and properly labeled.

Vehicles

- **NEVER** throw cigarettes or matches out of a vehicle. They can ignite grass on the side of the road and start a wildfire.
- Do not drive your vehicle in dry tall grass. The underside of your vehicle is hot and can easily ignite grasses from your exhaust muffler.
- Ensure that trailer chains do not drag on the ground.

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Always Maintain Situational Awareness

Watch weather reports and make sure you are signed up for state and local emergency alerts. Follow and monitor warnings by your local fire department.

Warnings can include:

- Alerts on social media
- The enacting of Burn Restrictions or Burn Bans
- Prohibiting open burning or prescribed fire

For more information, **contact your local fire department.**



The Ready, Set, Go! Program seeks to share information with residents on what they can do to successfully prepare for a wildland fire. Residents are encouraged to be “Ready” by taking personal responsibility for their themselves, their family and their property, to be “Set” with situational awareness and to “Go” and act early. Speak with your local fire department about your area’s threat for wildland fire and learn more about the wildland urban interface (WUI).

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Wildland Fire Action Plan

Ready (Before a Red Flag Warning has been issued)

- Create at least 100 feet of defensible space around your home.
 - ◊ Clear overgrown combustible vegetation.
 - ◊ Keep grasses short and watered.
 - ◊ Remove needles and leaves from roofs, eaves, and gutters.
- Complete and practice your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan including all exit routes from your immediate area.
- Sign up with local agencies to receive emergency notifications.

Set (During the warning)

- Maintain good situational awareness by following weather reports and local news.
- Do not perform any actions that may cause a spark or produce a flame.
- Monitor your local fire department for valuable information.
- Be prepared by having your “Go” kit packed and near your door in case you need to evacuate quickly. Include the following:
 - ◊ Your Personal Wildland Fire Action Plan.
 - ◊ Prescription medications and any medical devices you may need.
 - ◊ Emergency first-aid supplies.
 - ◊ Important documents including your passport, birth certificate, driver’s license, marriage license, insurance policy and any other legal documents.
 - ◊ Pet medications.
 - ◊ Personal electronics including cell phone, laptops and any charging cables you may need.

Go! (Act early when a wildfire threatens)

- Remain calm and collected.
- Follow directives and information provided by your local authorities and fire department.
- Use your Personal Action Plan for guidance.
- Cooperate with local authorities during evacuation & re-entry.

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