



RED FLAG WARNINGS



A Red Flag Warning (RFW) is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) when predicted weather conditions may result in extreme wildfire danger within 12 - 24 hours. Strong winds, low humidity, dry vegetation, and potential lightning are the main factors. A RFW is the highest alert as a single spark can cause a major wildfire. Learn more details at: [weather.gov/mtr](https://www.weather.gov/mtr)

This is a time to be extremely cautious and alert!



How will I know when an RFW has been issued? Local radio, TV and weather stations should broadcast when a Red Flag Warning is in effect, and an AC Alert may be sent out. RFWs should also be posted on the NWS Twitter account (@NWSBayArea) and the OFD Twitter account (@OaklandFireCA) and on Nextdoor. Fire Stations will fly a red flag outside.

Prepare yourself, your family and pets. Take steps to prevent wildfires!

- Review your **evacuation plan** and **be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice***
- If feasible, consider going to a pre-planned, safer location until the RFW has been lifted
- Know your **Zonehaven evacuation Zone*** name
- Verify that your **Go-Bag*** is packed and accessible, review your **evacuation checklist***
- If you have a vehicle, make sure that it is ready to go with a full tank of gas (or full charge), parked outside (not in garage), and pointed facing the street
- Ensure your cell phone is charged, on and with you at all times, charge back-up batteries
- Remain alert, monitor conditions outside and listen for AC Alerts and **other notifications***
- Clear anything highly combustible outside your home, especially within 5' of the structure
- **Don't smoke or use power tools, grills or any potential source of heat or spark outside**
- City and/or Regional Parks may be closed – if so, do not enter these parks
- Prepare for loss of power due to **Public Safety Power Shutoffs*** (PSPS)



***Related Guides at: oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/programs/#redflag**

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