



# 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 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\* will be sent out. RFWs should also be posted on the NWS X (Twitter) account @NWSBayArea and the Oakland Fire X 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 **Genasys Protect (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/full charge, parked outside (not in a garage), and if in a driveway 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 East Bay Regional Parks may be closed – if so, do not enter these parks
- Prepare for loss of power due to **Public Safety Power Shutoffs\*** (PSPS)



**\*Additional information can be found at:**  
[oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/programs/#redflag](https://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/programs/#redflag)

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