



RED FLAG WARNINGS



A Red Flag Warning (RFW) is issued by the National Weather Service 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 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 OFD Twitter account 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 heat or spark source outside**
- City and 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

