

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

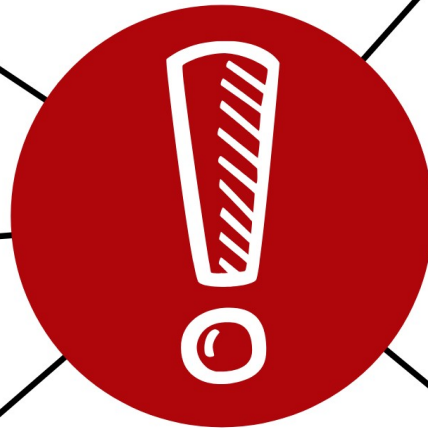
RED FLAG WARNING vs FIRE WEATHER WATCH

A **Red Flag Warning** is issued for weather events that may result in extreme fire behavior within 24 hours.

Red Flag Warning

Take Action: NWS issues a Red Flag Warning when fire conditions are ongoing or expected to occur shortly.

A **Red Flag Warning** is the highest alert.



A **Fire Weather Watch** is issued when weather conditions supporting rapid fire spread could exist in the next 12-72 hours. .

Fire Weather Watch

Be Prepared: A watch means critical fire weather conditions are possible but not imminent or occurring.

A **Fire Weather Watch** is one level below a warning, but fire danger is still high.

****When these watches and warnings are in place take precautions to avoid sparking a wildfire.**

SAFETY TIPS FOR THESE WATCHES AND WARNINGS



EQUIPMENT

- Check equipment use restrictions.
- Avoid using lawn mowers on dry grass.
- Use a weed trimmer with a plastic line.
- Make sure to use approved spark arresters.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or hose nearby.



OUTDOORS

- Check and follow all local and county burn bans.
- Extinguish outdoor fires properly. Never leave them unattended. Drown the fire with plenty of water.
- Extinguish outdoor cooking fires and dispose of ashes properly in a metal container
- Report unattended fires immediately.



VEHICLES

- Don't park on dry grass.
- Avoid driving on tall dry grass
- Ensure trailer chains are stowed and secure.
- Don't toss cigarettes or matches from a vehicle.

