FIRE WEATHER ALERTS

WHAT THEY MEAN. WHAT TO DO.

FIRE WEATHER WATCH

POSSIBLE IN 12–72 HOURS

WHAT IT MEANS:
Conditions could become dangerous.

WHAT TO DO:

- Check your go-bag
- Review your evacuation plan
- Clear easy fuels around your home

RED FLAG WARNING

NOW OR IMMINENT WITHIN ~24 HRS

WHAT IT MEANS:
Critical fire weather is here.

WHAT TO DO:

- Avoid anything that can spark
- Stay alert for smoke
- Be ready to leave quickly

"EXTREME" RED FLAG WARNING

USED BY SOME LOCAL NWS OFFICES

WHAT IT MEANS:
Not a separate category. A stronger local warning.

WHAT TO DO:

- Treat this like a potential evacuation day
- Stay hyper-aware
- Don't wait for a second warning

PDS RED FLAG WARNING

(PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION)

WHAT IT MEANS:
Rare. Official worst-case conditions.

WHAT TO DO:

- Limit travel
- Stay close to home
- Pre-stage your car facing out
- Be ready to evacuate immediately

IMPORTANT NOTE
"Extreme" Red Flag Warning is not an official National Weather Service category. Some local NWS offices use it to signal unusually severe Red Flag conditions.

DAILY FIRE DANGER

WHAT IT MEANS: How bad things could get if a fire starts.

BOTTOM LINE: These alerts don't mean a fire has started. They mean if one does, *you may not have time.*