

# RED FLAG WARNING PERSONAL CHECKLIST

**On a high wind advisory or red flag warning, follow these recommendations**



## What is a red flag warning day?

A red flag warning day is a weather warning issued when there are strong winds, high temperatures, dry conditions, low humidity levels, and/or possibility of lightning strikes. A warning signifies a high risk of fire; therefore, residents should be prepared and ready to evacuate, if necessary. On high advisory days, do not perform any actions that could produce a spark. For example smoking, starting campfires, using power tools, or using tire chains. **Here are some ways to get better prepare for an emergency situation:**

## Ready ( before a red flag warning is issued)

1. Strengthen your home with home hardening and defensible space work. Actions to complete include:
    - a. Clearing fire- prone vegetation and combustible material in Zone 0
    - b. Clearing all dry debris from roof, gutters, and Zone 0
    - c. Checking vents, doors, windows, siding, etc. for spots where embers could enter or ignite the home
  2. Understand all possible evacuation routes
  3. Sign up for local emergency safety notifications
  4. Create a household safety plan and check in with neighbors
- Additionally, if you will be away from your home for a long period, complete these tasks prior to your departure.

## Set ( during the warning)

When a warning is issued, stay alert, aware, and get out early!

Most important is having a Go-Bag packed. Consider having one packed and ready in your car as well. Items to include:

- A 3-day supply of non-perishable food & 3 gallons of water per person
- A map with at least 2 evacuation routes
- Necessary prescriptions or medications
- A change of clothes & extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Extra car keys, credit cards, cash, or traveler's checks
- A first aid kit & sanitation supplies
- A flashlight & battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Pet food & water



Additionally, take a video of all your belongings in your home in case insurance needs to be involved. Also, include making a digital copy of all personal information (IDs, passport, birth certificate, CCs, etc). Save it on the cloud or on a flash drive

## Go ( get out early)

Remain calm, follow evacuation directions, check go bag list, and cooperate with safety requirements.