HIGH FIRE DANGER
The National Weather Service issues fire weather watches or warnings (also known as Red Flag Days) when weather conditions will support increased wildfire activity and rapid fire growth.

PREPARATION WELL IN ADVANCE OF A FIRE:

» Complete a home inventory – this will assist in talking with your insurance provider should you suffer a loss due to a wildfire. Consider making a video walk-through of your possessions and keep that in a safe off-site location.

» Sign up for local Emergency Notifications/Alerts

» Have an Evacuation Plan and a designated meeting place where family members will reconnect after the evacuation. Ensure everyone in the household knows the plan and meeting place location.

» Know where evacuation centers will be located in your community

» Have an off-site phone number, (relative, etc.) where family members can check in and provide status information

» Have a plan and supplies for your pets

Be ready for A RED FLAG DAY!

Take steps ahead of time and PREPARE TO PUT YOUR PLAN INTO ACTION

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH is issued when conditions will be present within 12-72 hours.

A FIRE WEATHER WARNING (Red Flag) is issued when the conditions will be present within 24 hours.
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WHAT TO DO DURING WATCHES OR WARNINGS:

» Make sure there’s at least a 72-hour supply of important medications in your go-bag
» Know which personal items, (pictures, documents, etc.) have been prioritized to take if time permits, when evacuation is necessary
» Remove deck/ patio furniture, cushions and door mats to prevent ember ignitions
» Remove portable propane tanks from the deck/patio
» Know how to turn off the gas to the home
» Place a ladder against the house (for Fire Department use)
» Have your garden hoses connected (for Fire Department use)
» Make sure windows, doors and garage doors are closed
» Make sure windows are closed on vehicles that will remain at the residence while you’re evacuated

When returning home after evacuation:

Even if your home survived the fire, there may be the need to clean-up and restoration of your home and property from retardant, damaged trees or smoke damage
Check with your local Office of Emergency Management for information on resources for down/damaged trees and powerlines

Notify your local Health Department if retardant is in ponds, streams or near wells
Contact your Insurance Agent for assistance with restoration from retardant or smoke/fire damage to your structure