



DRY CONDITIONS ARE IN OUR AREA RED FLAG WARNINGS HAVE BE POSTED

In Eastern Colorado we have a climate that is low in humidity and only have moderate precipitation. We have seen warm days and cool nights this winter season. Due to the dry conditions we are already seeing **RED FLAG WARNINGS**. Here are a few precautions that we can take during this dry period of time. You find helpful tips under NOAA Weather for our area at www.weather.gov/gld/

When using Charcoal briquettes and ash from woodstoves/fireplaces dispose down the charcoal and ash with water; stir them, and soak again. Make sure they are out.

Sparks from power equipment can also start fire with the dry conditions.

Our vehicles can also cause fires if you have a metal part dragging from your vehicle such as a chain. When you drive through dry grass the exhaust pipes can start the grass on fire.

Following is are things we can do to prepare ourselves during this dry season:

What should we do to prepare ahead of time:

- Learn about wild fire risks in your area.
- Talk with members of your household about wild fires-how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs.
- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools; a rake, hand saw, chain saw, bucket and shovel.

Plan ahead and stay as safe as possible during a wild fire.

- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood in case your primary route is blocked.
- Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.
- Be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- Listen to local radio and television stations for updated emergency information.
- Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape.