

## **Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection**

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FIRE WEATHER UPDATE FROM DESPP / DEMHS 10:00 AM FRI APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

# RED FLAG WARNINGS ISSUED FOR CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSSETTS FOR TODAY...VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON

The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for all of Southern New England starting at noon and continuing until 8:00 PM this evening. A moderate northwest wind gusting to 35 MPH at times today combined with low relative humidity and party sunny skies is expected to result in very high fire danger this afternoon. Without any leaves on trees, surface fuels such as high grass, leaves and twigs can dry out very quickly in these conditions.

Any grass or brush fires that start today may spread rapidly.

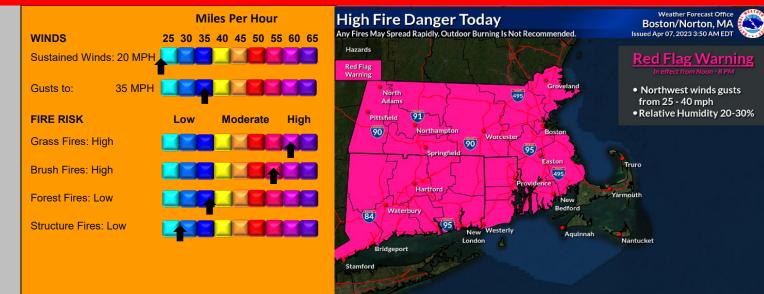
Outdoor burning is not recommended. The most common causes of fire ignition are campfires left unattended, the burning of debris, equipment use and malfunctions, negligently discarded cigarettes, and intentional acts of arson.

**Message From DEEP Forestry:** If you have received a permit from your local Open Burning Official to burn brush on your property, the permit is not valid if the Forest Fire Danger is rated high, very high or extreme **and** you are burning within 100 feet of a grassland or woodland.

Towns are advised to monitor rural areas today for sudden grass or brush fires. DESPP / DEMHS will also monitor conditions today. This will be the only update unless a significant brush or grass fire is reported.

#### **EXPECTED IMPACTS TODAY**

#### **RED FLAG WARNINGS FOR TODAY**



### Wind and Relative Humidity Forecast

