



RISK ALERT

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TWCARMF Risk Alert - Fire Season in Texas

The National Weather Service has forecast a “Fire Weather” warning for much of Texas due to high winds. The current warning states that “Critical Fire Weather Conditions” exist due to “Gusty west winds, low relative humidity, and dry vegetation.” Impacts include “Fires that start will spread rapidly.” High winds, the powdery dry conditions, and human imprudent actions make the risk of wildfire extreme this year much like last. Now is the time to check your evacuation plans, clear debris and litter from around your facilities, and warn your employees about doing things that can cause damaging fire in your communities.

The dry conditions are such that much of Texas could be affected by fire even when high winds aren’t forecast. The Palmer Drought Index still shows much of Texas in severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. Early Spring is when cold fronts bring wind and fire. The website captioned below is a great source of current fire activity.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>