

**What Firefighters Need
to Know About**

RED FLAG

Warnings



INDICATE ERRATIC, UNUSUAL FIRE BEHAVIOR:



Faster rates of spread

Higher flame lengths

Greater intensity fires

**CONDITIONS DANGEROUS
TO FIREFIGHTERS!**



Red Flag Warnings are:

- ✓ Issued by the National Weather Service for a specific time period.
- ✓ Warning of a hazardous combination of fuel & weather conditions that adversely affect fire behavior.
- ✓ **NOT** a burn ban.
- ✓ **NOT** conditions safe for open burning.
- ✓ Issued when pre-set criteria are met:
 - ✓ Wind speeds greater than 25 MPH
 - ✓ Relative Humidity of less than 30%
 - ✓ Significantly dry fuels

Watches often precede a warning to alert you to the likelihood of Red Flag conditions.

Notification of Red Flag Watches and Warnings can be found at weather.gov (click in Vermont), over NOAA weather radio or via email [Fire Danger Forecast](#).

