



FIRE WEATHER UPDATE FROM DESPP/DEMHS 10:00 AM WED APRIL 12TH

EXPECTED IMPACTS TODAY

RED FLAG WARNINGS FOR TODAY

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

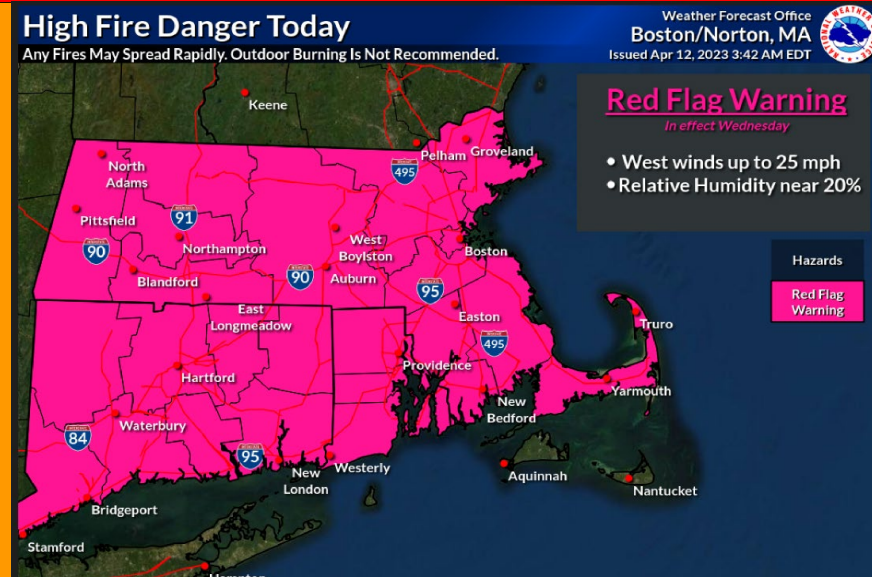
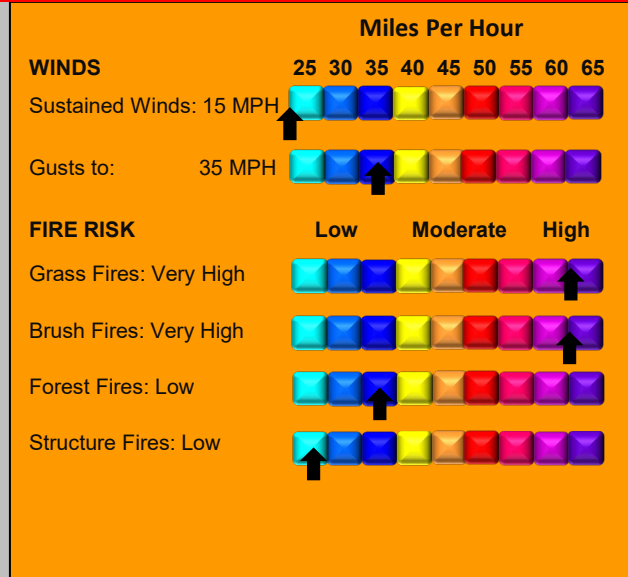
The National Weather Service has once again issued a Red Flag Warning for all of Southern New England starting at 10:00 AM and continuing until 7:00 PM this evening. A moderately strong northwest wind gusting to 35 MPH at times today combined with low relative humidity and mostly sunny skies is expected to result in very high fire danger today. Without any leaves on trees, surface fuels such as high grass, leaves and twigs are very dry.

Any grass or brush fires that start today (two brush fires were reported yesterday) 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 continue to monitor rural areas today for sudden grass or brush fires. There may be additional Red Flag Warnings issued this week as we don't expect any precipitation and warming temperatures. Towns are advised to watch rural areas until we receive significant precipitation. The next chance for significant rainfall is currently next Monday.

DESPP / DEMHS will also monitor conditions today. This will be the only update for today unless a significant brush or grass fire is reported.



Wind and Relative Humidity Forecast

