

# RED FLAG WARNINGS

## Warning Issued – What Do I Do?

- **Always LEAVE IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE.**
- Check that neighbors know that a Red Flag Warning has been issued; make sure they can evacuate. Assist elderly or disabled neighbors.
- Listen to fire officials on local radio/TV and then follow evacuation instructions
- Take your car out of the garage; leave it backed into the driveway with the keys readily available:
  - ❖ Have Go Bags packed including last-minute essentials, such as medications; include N-95 respirators, headlamp or flashlight and sturdy shoes & clothes; place Go Bag in or near the car;
  - ❖ Keep a map in your car
  - ❖ Make sure you have a full tank of gas or fully charged EV
  - ❖ Keep car windows & doors closed
- Keep pet carriers by front door, ready to go with fresh water and extra food & leashes. Think about how you are going to corral your pet before a Red Flag warning. Place pets in carrier EARLY. You won't be able to catch them when evacuation chaos begins.
- On Red Flag Warning nights, leave hearing aids in and don't take sleep medication.
- Turn off and empty automatic ice-maker and empty (or prepare for disposal if you need to evacuate) other freezer contents which can melt, leak & cause damage
- Turn BBQ propane tanks off and move them >30' away from the house or into the garage or out to the sidewalk
- Leave a non-combustible ladder out and visible; firefighters use these at times for gutter and roof fires.
- Take all combustibles indoors – patio furniture cushions, jute mats, & brooms, umbrellas; anything that will burn.
- Leave hoses connected, extended & untangled, front, and back, visible and with good spray nozzles attached. Firefighters can use these to put out spot fires.
- Check that sprinklers and auto water systems are off and water is not running; this can adversely affect water pressure that firefighters need.
- Time permitting, blow leaves away from home using an electric or battery-operated blower. 3/30/24 # 4