The National Weather Service (NWS) issues notices when weather conditions such as strong wind, low relative humidity, and high temperatures make wildfires more likely. NWS urges everyone to use extreme caution because a simple spark can cause a major wildfire.

**FIRE WEATHER WATCH:** NWS issues a fire weather watch when potentially dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12-72 hours.

**RED FLAG WARNING:** NWS issues a fire weather warning or red flag when fire danger exists and weather patterns that support wildfires are either occurring or expected to occur within 24 hours. Authorities may issue a fire weather watch before a warning, but a warning may also be the initial notification.

Take extra precautions when outdoors when fire weather notices are issued for your area. Be sure all campfires are cool to the touch before leaving. Do not use equipment that creates sparks on hot, windy days or park your vehicle over dry grass. You can visit the [NWS Fire Weather webpage](https://www.nws.noaa.gov/), for current fire weather forecasts.

**Make Your Home Firewise**

If you live in the wildland/urban interface, take the time now to clear your property of fuel sources. Idaho Firewise provides information on what kind of vegetation to avoid planting on your property and how to create a buffer zone. The Firewise website has a list of demonstration gardens around the valley you can visit and see how to implement Firewise landscaping on your own property. Visit: [idahofirewise.org/firewise-demonstration-gardens/](https://idahofirewise.org/firewise-demonstration-gardens/)