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Public Service Announcement

DRY CONDITIONS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Due to abnormally warm temperatures, low humidity, high winds, and the abundance of dry and dead fuels from the winter freeze, the fire danger throughout Alamogordo and much of New Mexico is extreme. New Mexicans face severe danger of wildfire this summer and fire incidents are on the rise and increasing daily. Be extremely cautious about any outdoor activities that might cause sparks or fires. Avoid the use of welding or grinding equipment near dead weeds and grass. Avoid parking vehicles in tall dry grass and weeds that could be ignited by hot exhaust systems. When in your vehicle, make sure you crush smoking material in your ashtray and make sure they are completely out. With the Fourth of July right around the corner we need to be especially careful with fireworks. Always be present with children when they are using fireworks. Never use fireworks around dry grass or flammable materials and always have a bucket of water, fire extinguisher or a water hose available.

FIRE DANGER TO RURAL HOMES AND SUBURBAN AREAS

Whether you live in a rural or suburban area, you can protect your home from the dangers of fire. Protect your home or property by clearing dead and dry brush, grass and vegetation away from your home or structures including rain gutters. Clear brush, pine needles, and vegetation from areas between trees. Prune lower hanging branches and make sure areas near utility lines are clear of brush, tall grass and trees so in the event of high winds or fire there is less chance of service interruption. Remember fire propelled by strong winds can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. When told to evacuate, leave the area immediately. Choose a route away from the fire and stay alert.

**REMEMBER OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO
STAY SAFE
AND
ALWAYS STAY FIRE SMART**