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Bexar County Fire Marshal Warns of Fire Danger During High Winds

The Bexar County Fire Marshal alerts all Bexar County residents to the forecast of high-risk fire weather for tomorrow. The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory for late tonight through 6:00 p.m. Saturday. This includes the Bexar County area, citing potentially high winds from 25 - 35 MPH with gusts near 50 MPH.

“We know that conditions are dangerous and fire will easily ignite from two fires our Emergency Services Districts and other area fire departments fought only yesterday. Folks need to take this very seriously. If we have brush or grass ignite in these types of weather scenarios, firefighting efforts will be very challenging.”, said Bexar County Fire Marshal Chris Lopez.

Although not currently under a burn ban, county residents are urged not to burn any household waste during this time or engage in any activities that could cause a wildfire.

Below are some tips to keep in mind:

- Avoid using welding or grinding equipment near weeds and grass.
- If you must work outdoors with equipment that gets hot, please keep a fire extinguisher and water close by.
- Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass and weeds that could ignite from the heat of catalytic converters.
- When in your vehicle, crush smoking materials in your ashtray and make sure they are out.
- Never toss a cigarette out of a car window.

For more information on wildfire risk and outdoor burning guidelines, please visit https://www.bexar.org/630/Fire-Marshall.

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