Knowing how to respond when Red Flag Warnings are issued is your responsibility if you live, work, or even spend time in or near areas prone to wildfires.

A Red Flag Warning is issued to signal the need for heightened awareness and increased fire safety.

Conditions needed to issue a Red Flag Warning, include:
- Sustained winds 15 MPH or greater
- Relative humidity of 25% or less
- Temperatures greater than 75° F

If these conditions are present or likely to happen within 24 hours, red flags are displayed at fire stations and participating county facilities, public libraries, and city halls. Red flags are also put up at chosen locations along highways, streets, and toll roads.

Safety guidelines recommended during Red Flag Warnings include the following:
- Do all yard work that requires a gas or electric motor before 10 a.m. and never when the wind is blowing
- Remove rocks from the area before you begin using any equipment
- Keep flammable materials away from gas-powered equipment
- Never drive or park vehicles on dry grass or brush
- Use lawn mowers on lawns only
- Grease trailer wheels, check tires, and make sure safety chains are not touching the ground
- Use caution with gas lanterns, barbeques, gas stoves, and anything else that can cause a wildfire
- Follow park, trail, camping, campfire restrictions and closure signs
- Throw away cigarettes or other smoking supplies properly in non-combustible containers

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For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call 714-573-6774 to schedule a wildfire home assessment.