



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

Situational Awareness Statement #1

Subject: Red Flag Warning – Increased Fire Danger Today

Date/Time: 4/07/2023, 11:00 AM

Note: *Blue/italic* text denotes updates since the previous SAS.

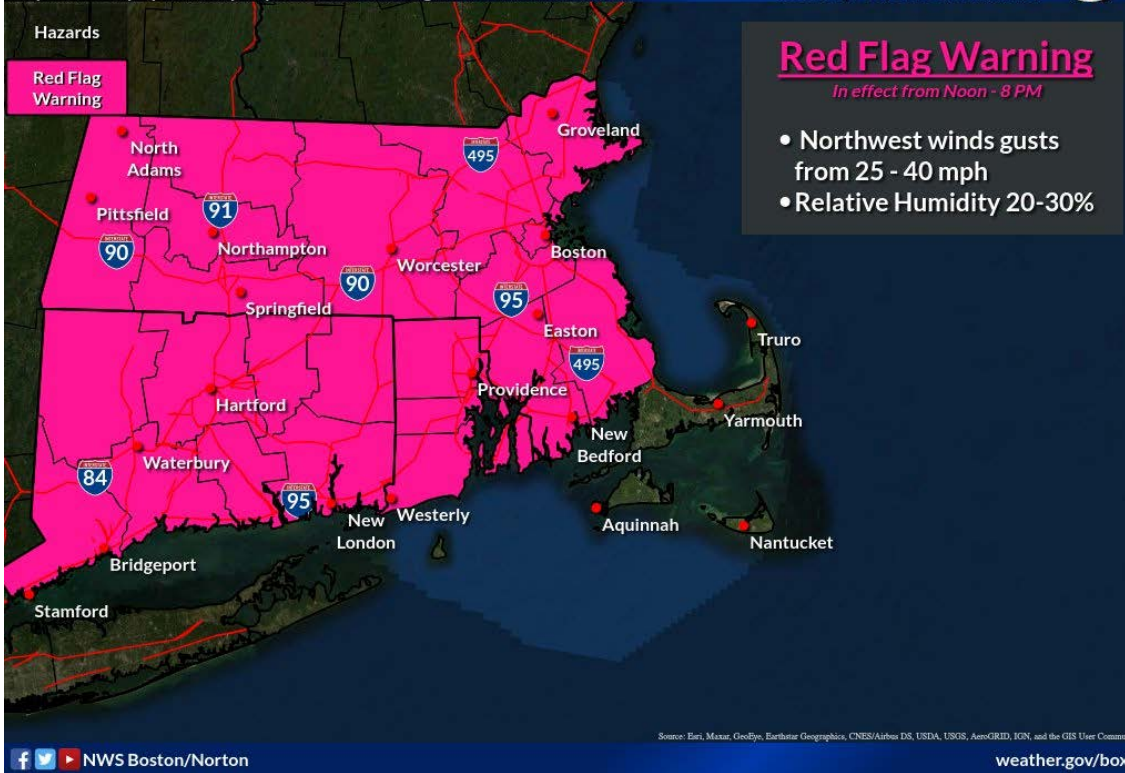
Incident or Event Overview
Situation
<p>The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning from 12 PM to 8 PM today for all of Massachusetts except the Cape and Islands. Southern New England has received a below normal amount of rain over the last two weeks, leading to relatively dry brush. Gusty winds of 30-40 MPH and low relative humidity of 20-30% are expected to develop today, which will lead to an increased risk of brush fire development in the region.</p> <p>Low relative humidity is forecast to continue through the weekend, but wind gusts will diminish to 10-15 MPH. Brush fire concerns will remain elevated through the weekend, particularly on Saturday.</p>
Impacts/ Potential Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A combination of gusty winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels will create a significantly elevated fire growth potential. • Any fires that start may spread rapidly and become difficult to extinguish.
Weather Forecast Overview
Advisories, Watches and Warnings
<p><u>Red Flag Warning</u> <u>Issued: April 07 at 9:49AM EDT</u> <u>Expiring: April 07 at 8:00PM EDT</u></p> <p>Areas affected: Central Middlesex County; Eastern Essex; Eastern Franklin; Eastern Hampden; Eastern Hampshire; Eastern Norfolk; Eastern Plymouth; Northern Bristol; Northern Worcester; Northwest Middlesex County; Southeast Middlesex; Southern Bristol; Southern Plymouth; Southern Worcester; Suffolk; Western Essex; Western Franklin; Western Hampden; Western Hampshire; Western Norfolk; Western Plymouth</p>
<p><u>Red Flag Warning</u> <u>Issued: April 07 at 6:33AM EDT</u> <u>Expiring: April 07 at 8:00PM EDT</u></p> <p>Areas affected: Northern Berkshire; Southern Berkshire</p>
<p><u>Special Weather Statement</u> <u>Issued: April 07 at 3:19AM EDT</u></p> <p>Areas affected: Barnstable; Dukes; Nantucket</p>

Weather Graphics

High Fire Danger Today

Any Fires May Spread Rapidly. Outdoor Burning Is Not Recommended.

Weather Forecast Office
Boston/Norton, MA
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MEMA Operations

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is operating at Level 1 (Steady State Monitoring). MEMA will continue to monitor the situation and will disseminate additional Situational Awareness Statements (SAS), as necessary.

Preparedness and Safety Information

- For additional information on wildfires, including preparedness information on protecting families, homes, and property against the threat of wildfires:
<https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

Stay Informed

For additional information and updated forecasts, see www.weather.gov/boston (National Weather Service Norton) and www.weather.gov/albany (National Weather Service Albany)

Utilize MEMA's real-time power outage viewer to stay informed about current power outages in your community and region, and across the state, including information from utility companies about restoration times: <http://mema.mapsonline.net/public.html>

Online Resources

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency www.mass.gov/mema
MEMA's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA>
MEMA Twitter [@MassEMA](https://twitter.com/MassEMA)
Federal Emergency Management Agency www.fema.gov
National Weather Service Boston/ Norton, MA www.weather.gov/boston
National Weather Service/Albany, NY www.weather.gov/albany
National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov
National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center www.spc.noaa.gov
Northeast River Forecast Center www.weather.gov/nerfc/
National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov
Mass211 www.mass211.org



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