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### **LA COUNTY RESIDENTS URGED TO PREPARE AS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RED FLAG WARNING IS EXTENDED**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) announced it has extended the Red Flag Warning issued for the Los Angeles County cities, unincorporated area communities, coastal, valleys and mountain areas effective until 8 p.m. PDT on Wed., May 14. The combination of forecasted strong winds, warm temperatures, and very low relative humidity conditions could create an extreme fire behavior, and residents living in grass and/or brush areas are reminded to take appropriate precautions. These precautions may include the following:

- Report any sign of smoke immediately to your local fire department by dialing 9-1-1 (If dialing 9-1-1 from your cellular telephone, know your location). Use extreme caution when operating spark or flame-producing machinery in brush areas.
- If living in a hazardous grass or brush area, have a Wildfire Action Plan in place. Be familiar with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's READY! SET! GO! This program provides important pre-planning and evacuation information to residents. Visit [www.fire.lacounty.gov](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov) for more information.
- Residents can register their cellular telephones, landlines, and receive text and voice messages through Alert LA County notification system located in the "Featured LA County Services" section on the homepage at <http://lacounty.gov>.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap.lacounty.gov>. For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.

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