

ALTUS READY: WILDFIRE & OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

Know the Risk

Dry grass, high winds, low humidity, and hot temperatures can cause outdoor fires to spread quickly. Wildfires and grass fires can threaten homes, property, roads, livestock, pets, and public safety.

Before Fire Weather

- Keep grass and weeds trimmed.
- Clear dry leaves, brush, and debris away from buildings.
- Move firewood, propane tanks, and other flammable items away from structures.
- Keep gutters and roof areas clear.
- Have a plan in case you need to leave quickly.
- Monitor weather alerts and burn ban information.



During High Fire Danger

- Avoid outdoor burning.
- Do not toss cigarettes or matches on the ground.
- Avoid parking on dry grass.
- Secure trailer chains so they do not drag and spark.
- Use caution with grills, fire pits, welding, and outdoor equipment.
- Report smoke, flames, or unsafe fire activity.

Know the Terms

- **Fire Weather Watch:** Critical fire conditions are possible.
- **Red Flag Warning:** Critical fire conditions are happening or expected soon.
- **Burn Ban:** Outdoor burning may be restricted or prohibited.

Check Before You Burn

Check burn bans first: Oklahoma Forestry Services or Oklahoma Mesonet OK-FIRE.

If a Fire Is Nearby

- Follow instructions from emergency officials.
- Be ready to leave if asked to evacuate.
- Close windows and doors before leaving, if time allows.
- Bring pets indoors and prepare to take them with you.
- Stay away from emergency response areas.
- Do not drive through smoke or fire-affected roads.

If a Fire Is Nearby

- Stay out of burned areas until officials say it is safe.
- Watch for hot spots, damaged trees, debris, and downed power lines.
- Avoid damaged structures.
- Photograph damage for insurance purposes when it is safe.
- Check on neighbors who may need assistance.

When to Call 911

Call 911 if you see smoke, flames, a fire spreading, a downed power line, someone trapped, an injury, or any situation where police, fire, or emergency medical services are needed right away.

Helpful Resources

Oklahoma Forestry Services

Burn bans, wildfire prevention, and Oklahoma fire safety resources.

Oklahoma Mesonet OK-FIRE

Current fire danger, weather conditions, fire advisories, wind, humidity, and burn information.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management

Wildfire preparedness and safety guidance for Oklahoma residents.

National Weather Service Norman

Fire weather forecasts, Red Flag Warnings, and local weather alerts.

Ready.gov

Wildfire preparedness, evacuation planning, and emergency kit guidance.

CDC Wildfire Safety

Wildfire smoke, health, and safety information.