



## FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### ***BE PREPARED:*** **Red Flag Warnings**

**DID YOU KNOW** that nearly all of Franklin Hills is in a [VHFHSZ](#)? For those not fluent in Acronym, that means we're in a *Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone*.

Our roller coaster-y streets are challenging to maneuver even on trash days, not to mention all the recent DWP trucks. Imagine first responders or evacuees trying to race through our curves during a fast-moving brush fire!

Red Flag Warnings are enacted when there are forecasts for wind speeds of 25 mph or more and humidity of 15% or less, which increase the likelihood of brush fires.

Last week, the hot and dry Santa Ana winds resulted in several Red Flag Warnings, which require residents in VHFHSZs to remove parked vehicles where Red Flag No Parking signs are posted, on narrow roads, hairpin turns, tight curves and key intersections. These choke points could trap citizens trying to evacuate and hinder or delay fire companies attempting to gain access.

You can enter your address in the [City's "Neighborhood Info" site](#) and look under "Public Safety" to find out if you're in a Red Flag No Parking zone.

But Red Flag alerts are about more than parking. When they're issued, residents should be prepared to evacuate if required.

There are many ways to learn if a Red Flag Warning is in effect:

- Radio, TV and other media are required to report it
- Contact 3-1-1
- Every fire station will fly a red flag until the Warning is canceled
- Bookmark and check the [LAFD's Red Flag site](#), which also includes a link for you to provide your contact information if you'd like to receive Red Flag notifications.

The goal of the Red Flag Warning program is to keep roadways clear and traffic moving during an emergency, something all of us living in this VHFHSZ can get behind.

# Franklin Hills VHFHSZ

