



Hernando County
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Alert Form



EVENT	Red Flag Warning
DATE	21 April 2017
TIME	9:00 AM
REPORT #	1

	EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION
	1/ FULL
	2/ PARTIAL
X	3/ MONITORING

SITUATION

The National Weather Service has issued a **Red Flag Warning** for our area today, Friday, April 21, 2017 from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Humidity continues to drop across the area with 4 to 5 hours of critical relative humidity values expected Friday afternoon. Combined with high Energy Release Component (ERC) values, this has triggered a **Red Flag Warning** for parts of West Central Florida.

A **Red Flag Warning** means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now, or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly.

A **countywide burn ban** remains in effect for all of Hernando County. Residents shall refrain from the following activities:

- Open burning
- Discharge of fireworks
- Campfires/bonfires
- Burning trash, refuse or other debris

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Monitor current conditions and learn more about wildland fire prevention, assistance, protection from the Florida Forest Service at:
<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire/Current-Fire-Conditions>
- Residents are encouraged to pay attention to local media outlets or the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/> for current weather information.
- Avoid driving through fog or smoke.
http://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/9744/134732/smoke_brochure.pdf
- Report fires promptly.

Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation. The EOC is not activated at this time.

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