

# **Extreme Wildfire Danger**

## **Public Service Announcement**

### **DON'T DRIVE INTO SMOKE ON THE ROAD**

Wind driven wildfire can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. When you see thick smoke across a highway, do not drive into it. Slow down. Prepare to stop and turn around. Activate your emergency flashers to warn vehicles following you. Check for oncoming traffic. Make sure you can turn around safely. Remember, when there is dense smoke on the road, do not drive into it.

**STAY ALERT TO WILDFIRE DANGER WHEN TRAVELING** Texans face extreme wildfire danger. Check fire and weather conditions before you get on the road. Monitor radio broadcasts while traveling. In areas where there may be wildfire, watch for highway signs, traffic control personnel and fire fighters. Slow down and prepare to stop when they signal you to do so. Remember, wind driven wildfire can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. If you see dense smoke on the road, do not drive into it.

### **WILDFIRES AND EVACUATIONS**

Texans face extreme wildfire danger. When you are told to evacuate – do so immediately. As you evacuate, be alert to the changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke. Wind driven wildfire can move as fast as 60 miles per hour. If there is a wildfire in your area – and you have time to prepare – shut gas off at the meter and turn off propane tanks. Wet down your roof and shrubbery within 15 feet of your residence. Choose a route that leads away from the fire. Park your vehicle facing in the direction of escape. Remember, wildfires can travel at great speed. When told to evacuate – do so immediately.

### **WILDFIRE DANGER AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Texans face extreme wildfire danger. Be cautious about outdoor activities that might cause sparks or fires. Sparks can easily escape from burning trash. Avoid using welding or grinding equipment near dry weeds and grass. Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass and weeds. Weeds and grass could be ignited by hot catalytic converters. Crush cigarettes in an ashtray and make sure they are really out.

For updates on current wildfire situation contact: [newsmedia@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:newsmedia@tfs.tamu.edu)

For more information on fire danger and advisories, see the Texas Forest Service Web site at: <http://texasforests.tamu.edu>