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**AS GUSTY WINDS AND DRY CONDITIONS CONTINUE NYC EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT & FDNY REMIND NEW YORKERS ABOUT INCREASED RISK OF
BRUSH FIRES**

*The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for New York City in
effect Thursday*

April 4, 2019 — As windy and dry conditions continue Thursday, the New York City Emergency Management Department and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) remind New Yorkers about the increased risk of dangerous brush fires. The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for New York City from 10 a.m. through 8 p.m. Thursday. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are expected or occurring. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels will create significantly elevated fire growth potential. Wind gusts 25 mph to 30 mph are possible Thursday.

NYC Emergency Management and FDNY encourage New Yorkers to exercise extra caution when using any ignition source outdoors, including gas and charcoal grills. In addition, smokers should never carelessly discard cigarettes.

New York City's outer-borough grasslands are particularly vulnerable to brush fires. Residents of these communities should take steps to make their homes less vulnerable to wildfires.

To report a fire, dial 911 immediately. Do not put yourself in harm's way trying to extinguish a fire. For more information about fire safety, call 311 or visit [NYC.gov](http://nyc.gov).

New Yorkers are encouraged to download the Notify NYC mobile application, which is available for free download from iTunes or Google Play. Notify NYC is the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can also receive phone calls, text messages, and/or email alerts about weather conditions and other emergencies. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](http://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC) or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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