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Public Safety Announcement:

Strong Winds and Significant Fire Danger for Pontiac, Illinois

Over the course of the next 48 hours the National Weather Service has elevated the risk of fire danger in our area as the result of the following conditions:

Friday, October 16th, 2020:

- Elevated fire danger because of southwest wind gusts of 30-35 mph and humidity under 35%.

Saturday October 17th, 2020:

- Significant fire weather risk with a Fire Weather Watch issued from the National Weather Service because of wind conditions out of the south with gusts of 45 to possibly 50 mph with same dry conditions as Friday's forecast.

The Pontiac Fire Department **strongly recommends not to start any outside fires** during this time period for the safety of the community.

During normal weather conditions please follow the **City of Pontiac Burn Ordinance 2014-0-014** that can be found at the following link:

<https://www.pontiac.org/DocumentCenter/View/369/Open-Burning-Ordinance-2005-0-026-Clarified?bidId=>

Additional information on current weather conditions can also be found at the following link:

<https://www.weather.gov/lot/>

