

Veld Fire Warning

Wednesday, 13 June 2018
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Updated Severe Weather Warning issued for the Eden District by the South African Weather Service.

13:00 on 13-06-2018

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Hazard: Veld Fire Conditions

Alert Level: Warning

Valid From (SAST): 13/06/18 08h00Â Â

Valid To (SAST): 14/06/18 23h00Â Â Â

Warning 1.Â Expected over the Central Karoo and Eden District today (Wednesday).

Watch 2.Â Extremely high fire danger conditions are expected over the Central Karoo and Eden District tomorrow (Thursday).

Description: Strong damaging winds

Strong damaging winds often occur along coastal regions, but also often occur during thunderstorm activity. These winds are sudden and can cause much damage.

Precautions:Â Strong damaging winds

Stay indoors where possible, away from the windows that open towards the severe winds. Be aware of the following: - sudden cross winds if traveling especially between buildings, fallen trees or power lines and flying debris.

Small boats must stay away from the open sea and seek the shelter of a harbour, river estuary or protected bay.

Parked aircraft should be pointed into the direction of the wind and secured. Listen to the radio or TV for warnings and obey the instructions from Disaster Management Officers.

Description: Dangerous veld/bush fire conditions

Whenever there are prolonged periods of little and no rain coupled with warm dry winds, veldt or bush fires can easily be sparked and will spread rapidly in strong winds.

Precautions: Dangerous veld/bush fire conditions

Don't make fires in the open and/or leave fires unattended. Don't throw cigarette butts out of cars or in the open veldt. Don't throw bottles in the veldt as they can magnify the sun's rays and start fires. Prepare and maintain fire breaks in controlled manner. In the case of a large fire report it immediately and move away from the area to let the professionals deal with it. Never throw water onto a fire started by an electrical fault or fires started by oil or paraffin lamps. In this case sand or a blanket should be used to smother the fire. Listen to the radio or TV for warnings and obey the instructions from Disaster Management Officers.

At this point in time three fires have been reported to the Eden DMC nl: Hansmoeskraal, Jonkersberg and North of Jongensfontein, but according to the fire services at these fires these fires have all been contained.

Please report any severe weather related incidents or any new fires to the Eden DMC at (044) 805-5071