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Fire danger warning issued by SAWS and LDARD, valid: 17 November 2026

Please find High Fire Danger warnings issued for Limpopo.



Hazard	Alert level	Valid from	Valid to
HIGH FIRE DANDER	**Warning**	17/11/2026 Tuesday	17/11/2026 Tuesday

Extremely high fire danger conditions are expected in the northern parts of Limpopo.

Advisory. Warning (colour coded red), indicating “take action”. This level indicates that hazardous conditions are occurring or are about to occur within the next 1 to 24 hours.

Very hot, dry and windy conditions may result in the development of runaway and veld / bush fire and strengthen existing fires.

What to do when veldfire condition is forecast

- Prohibitions of fires in the open-air during periods of high fire hazard, and the establishment of fire control committees
- To control fires, an alarm system, firefighting teams, and beaters must be organized in advance and plans prepared

What to do during Veldfire:•

Livestock should be moved out of grazing land to unbarred land/ploughed field for safety. •Water is generally not available in sufficient quantities or at adequate pressure for the control of major fires; however, sand or other loose mineral soil material can be an effective method of control.

Following are several concerns and recommendations:

N.B Farmers should always ensure that the firebreaks are in place. An owner of the land (farmers) are obliged to prepare and maintain a firebreak, with due regard to the weather, climate, terrain and vegetation of the area, the following is taken care of in terms of installing the firebreaks (chapter 4 of National Veld and Forest Fire Act NO. 101 of 1998):

- A firebreak has to be wide enough and long enough to have a reasonable chance of preventing a veld fire from spreading to or from neighbouring land.
- A firebreak does not cause soil erosion and
- A firebreak is reasonably free of inflammable material capable of carrying a veld fire across it.
- Farming communities should establish fire protection associations to prevent and control veld fires as required by the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (Act No. 101 of 1998).

The Fire Brigade Services Act provides for the establishment, co-ordination and standardizations of fire brigade services. Local authorities, that is, municipalities, are empowered to establish and maintain a fire brigade service, intended to be employed for the following purposes:

a) Preventing the outbreak or spread of a fire

b) Fighting or extinguishing a fire

c) The protection of life or property against a fire or other threatening danger.

d) The rescue of life or property from a fire or other danger

Improved communication among members about, for example, fire hazard conditions. The outcome sought is to achieve better integration of community preparedness, prevention, and suppression and recovery strategies as key elements of veld fire management.

Farmers are advised to report all disaster incidents to Agricultural advisors at their nearest LDARD offices.

A comprehensive list of strategies can be found and accessed from departmental websites: www.ldard.gov.za.

The Disaster Management Act (Act No. 57 of 2002) urges Provinces, individuals, and farmers, to assess and prevent or reduce the risk of disasters using early warning information.

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