

Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center



Situation Awareness Brief

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026
As of 0900 CDT



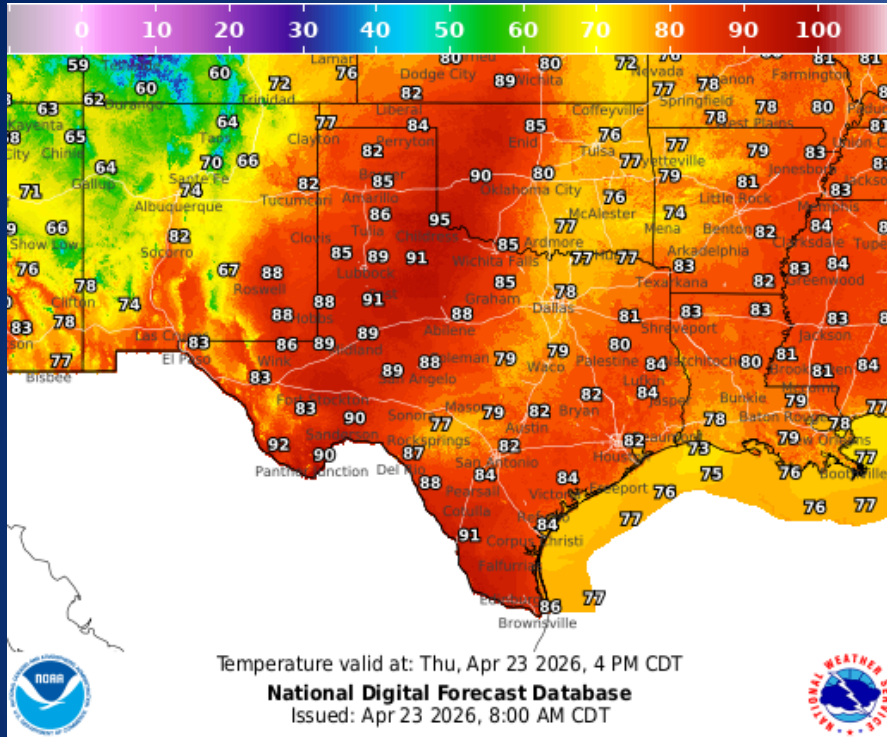
Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION
04/22/26	Initial Report of a 9-1-1 Outage	Jackson County
04/22/26	Update Report of a 9-1-1 Outage	Jackson County
04/22/26	Update #2 Report of a 9-1-1 Outage	Jackson County
04/22/26	Initial Report of a Bomb Threat	Uvalde County
04/22/26	Final Report of a Road Closure (US 83)	Zavala County
04/22/26	Final Report of a Bomb Threat	Uvalde County
04/22/26	Final Report of a 9-1-1 Outage	Jackson County
04/22/26	Initial Report of Storm Damage	Jackson County
04/22/26	Initial Report of a Decommissioned Ship Fire	Cameron County
04/22/26	Update Report of Storm Damage	Jackson County
04/23/26	Initial Report of a Train Derailment	Travis County

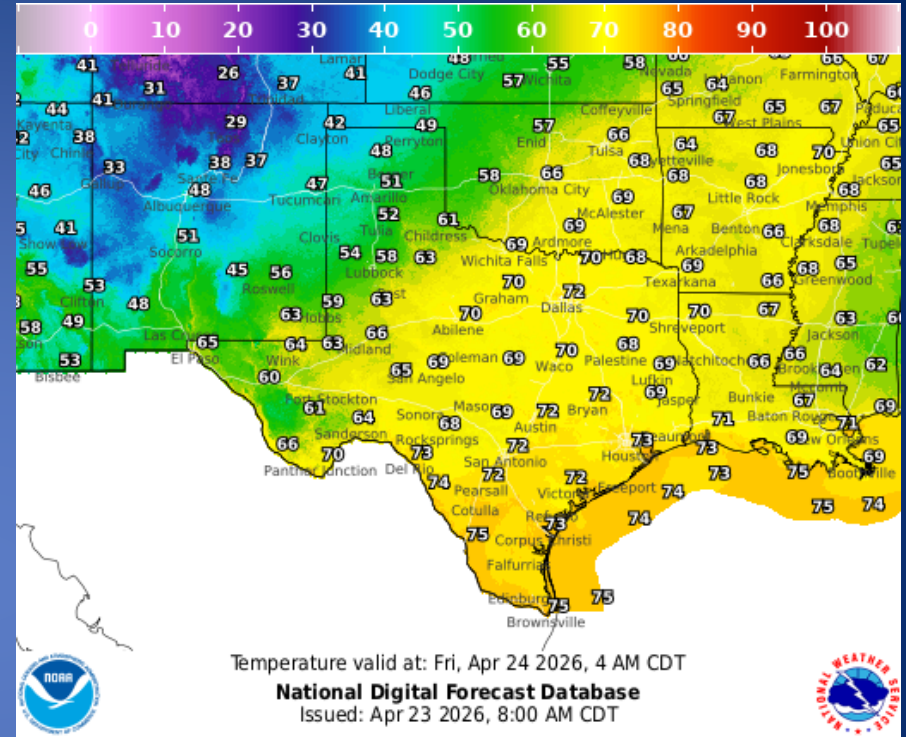
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DATE	SUBJECT
04/22/26	Daily Situation Report [25-0026 02JUL Severe Weather]
04/22/26	Daily Situation Report [26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026]
04/22/26	NWS Fort Worth: Severe Weather Potential Returns This Weekend
04/22/26	NWS Houston/Galveston: Marginal Risk for Excessive Rainfall Today
04/23/26	Daily NWS Threat Brief
04/23/26	NWS El Paso, TX/Santa Teresa, NM: Weather Hazards Outlook
04/23/26	NWS Brownsville: Unseasonable Heat Returns After A Cool And Rainy Weather Pattern

Weather Forecast

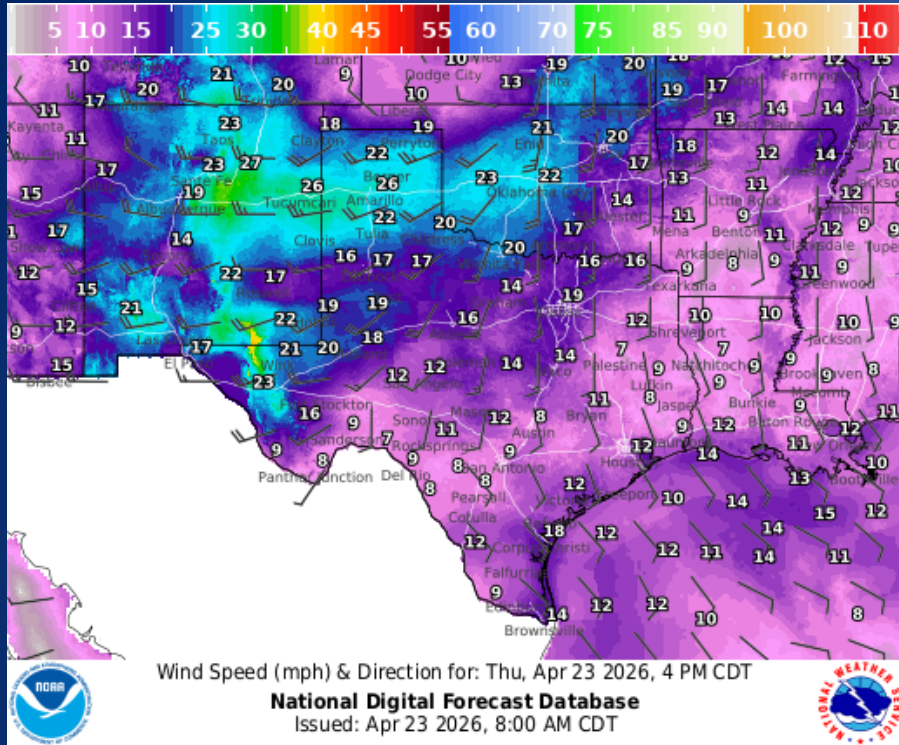


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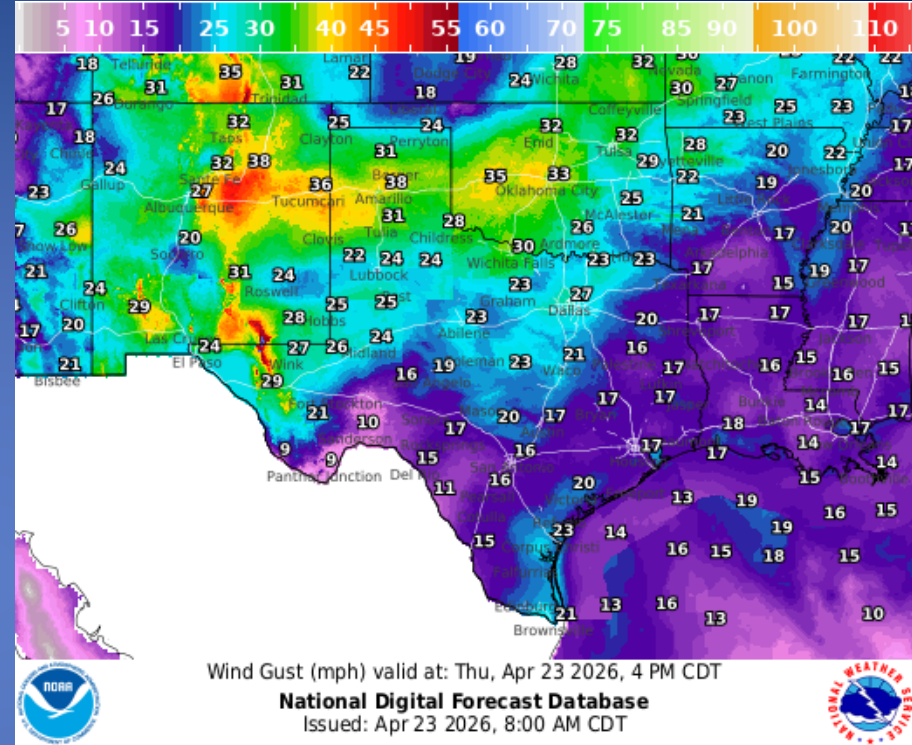


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speed



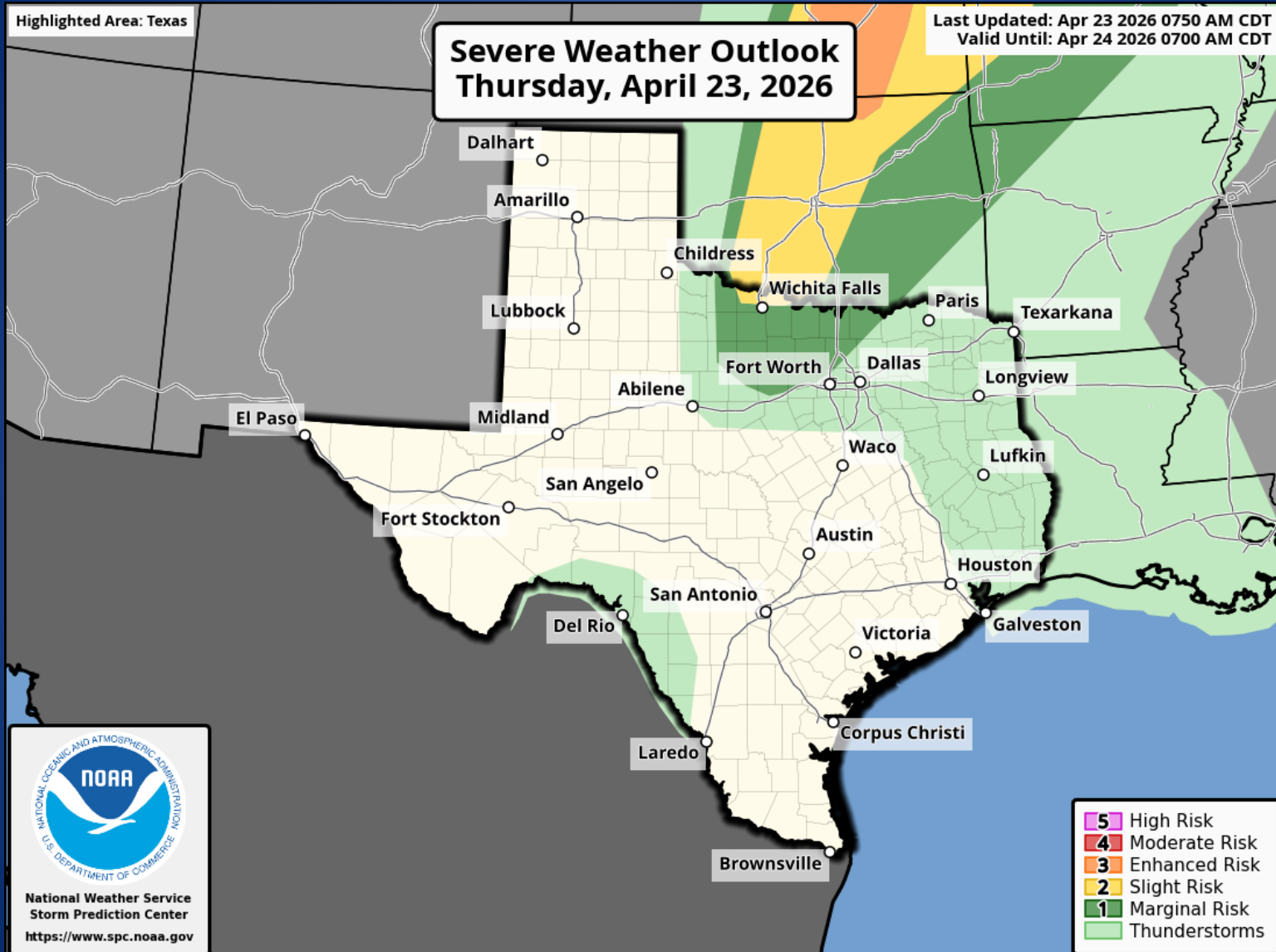
Wind Gust

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: Texas

Severe Weather Outlook Thursday, April 23, 2026

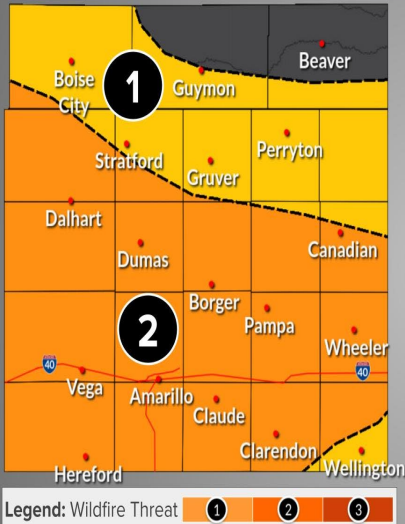
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Valid Until: Apr 24 2026 0700 AM CDT



Hazardous Weather

Critical Fire Weather Conditions Today

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Thu Apr 23, 2026 1:52 AM



What to Expect



West winds 20 to 30 mph gusting up to **40 mph** with **very dry conditions**



Increased potential for **wildfire starts** and fires may **spread quickly**



Timing

Critical Fire Weather:
12 - 10 PM
Today



Safety Info

Take extra precautions to prevent fire starts!

Contact **local law/fire officials** if you smell smoke or see fire!



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Red Flag Warning

Avoid activities that may cause a spark
Check out [weather.gov](#) for more information.



12 PM Thursday - 8 PM Thursday



The South Plains, Rolling Plains, and the far southern Texas Panhandle.



Southwest at **15 to 25 mph**



Gusts up to **40 mph**



Relative humidity as low as **6 percent**



AVOID OUTDOOR BURNING

Fire Danger

Low Elevated **Critical** Extreme



REPORT FIRES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Another day of critical fire weather is expected across much of the Panhandles due to very dry air and gusty west winds. Most gusts will be 30-40 mph, but there are low to medium chances for gusts >40 mph.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect for much of the area from noon to 8 PM thanks to the return of warm temperatures, breezy westerly winds, and critically dry conditions. Do your best to avoid activities that may cause a spark.

Hazardous Weather

Red Flag Warning

Until midnight CDT /11 PM MDT/ tonight



Southeast New Mexico, most of West Texas south to the Davis Mountains, and Gaines County

- Wind Gusts up to 40 mph. Higher winds in the mountains
- Relative Humidity as low as 5%
- Rapidly Drying Fuels



Fire Danger

Low Elevated **Critical** Extreme



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AVOID OUTDOOR BURNING



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Avoid activities that may cause a spark
Latest info at weather.gov/Midland



RED FLAG WARNING AREA

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Thursday Severe Potential

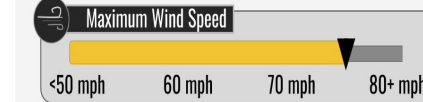
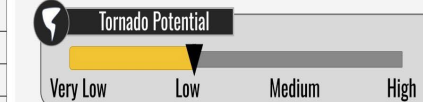
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Severe Risk

High
Moderate
Enhanced
Slight
Marginal

Timing Afternoon through the overnight hours



What to Do → Have multiple ways to receive warnings.
→ Have a severe weather safety plan ready.

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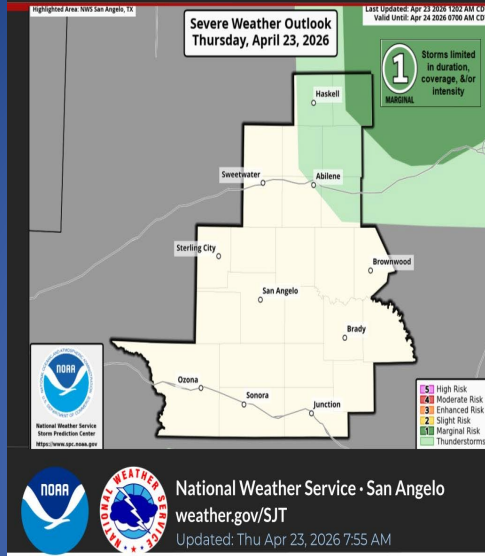
A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 10 AM CDT /9 AM MDT/ this morning to midnight CDT /11 PM MDT/ tonight for Southeast New Mexico, most of West Texas south to the Davis Mountains, and Gaines County. Please field-strip your cigarettes!

Strong to severe storms are possible Thursday afternoon into the overnight hours. All hazards will be possible with the strongest storms.

Hazardous Weather

Severe Thunderstorm Outlook for Today

Highest Local Risk: **Marginal** (Level 1 out of 5)



Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible late this afternoon and evening mainly across the northeastern portions of the Big Country. The main severe threat will be large hail, although gusty winds are also possible with any stronger storms that do develop.



Late afternoon through evening.

Main Potential Hazards:



Large Hail
(potentially larger than 1 inch)



Damaging winds
(60+ MPH)



Cloud to Ground
Lightning

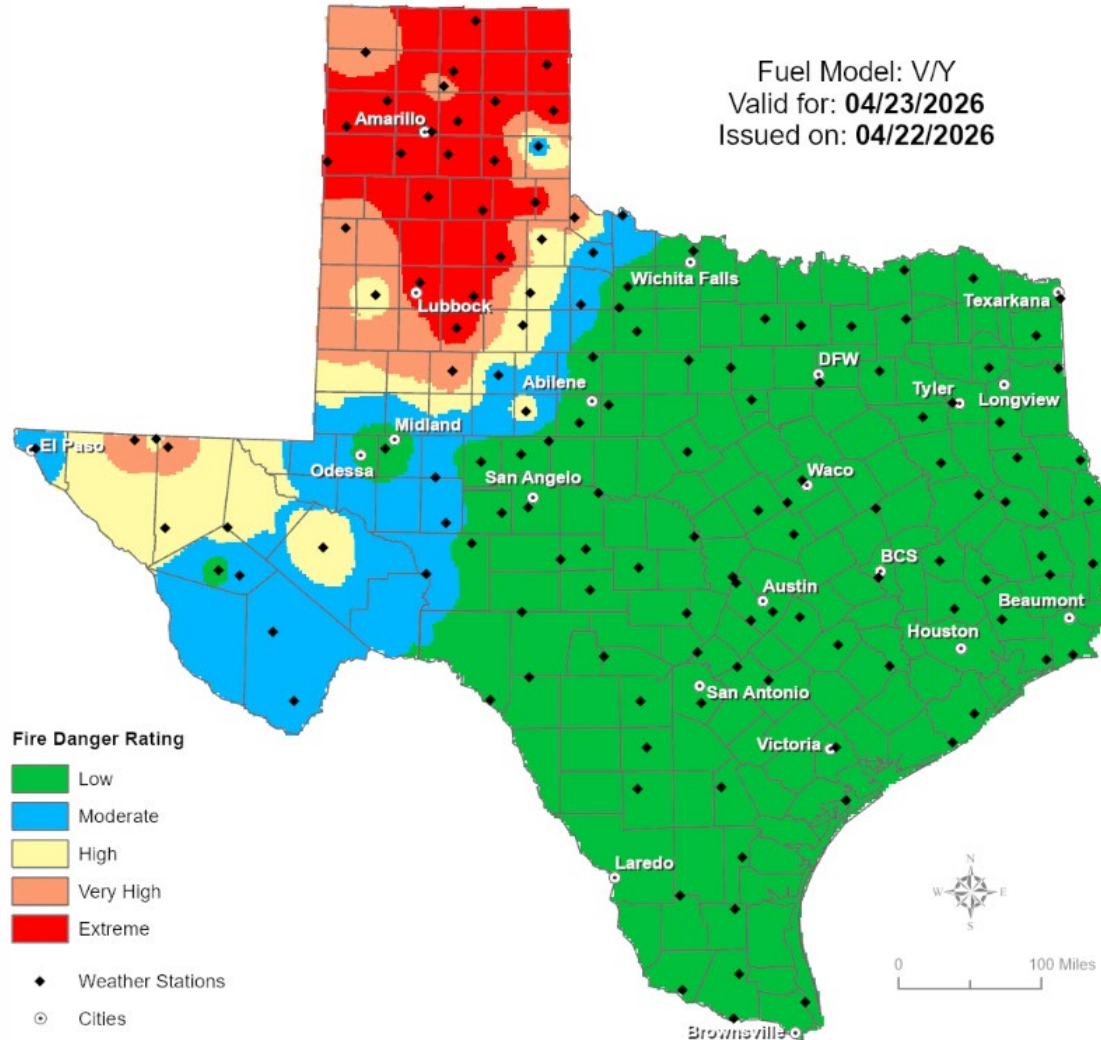
Isolated to widely scattered storms will be possible this evening through tonight. Any storms that develop may approach severe levels, with large hail, damaging winds, and possibly an isolated tornado.

Weather Advisory/Statement/Watch/Warning Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/22/26	Flood Warning	Calhoun, Refugio, and Victoria Counties
04/22/26	Coastal Flood Statement	Cameron, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties
04/22/26	High Wind Watch	Culberson County
04/22/26	Special Weather Statement	Brazos, Brewster, Colorado, Gonzales, Grimes, Jackson, Lavaca, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Pecos, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Terrell, and Wharton Counties
04/22/26	Severe Thunderstorm Warning	Brazos, Brewster, Burleson, Colorado, Grimes, Jackson, Pecos, Terrell, Washington, and Wharton Counties
04/22/26	Flood Advisory	Colorado, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Wharton Counties
04/23/26	High Wind Warning	Culberson County

Fire Danger Forecast

Forecast Fire Danger



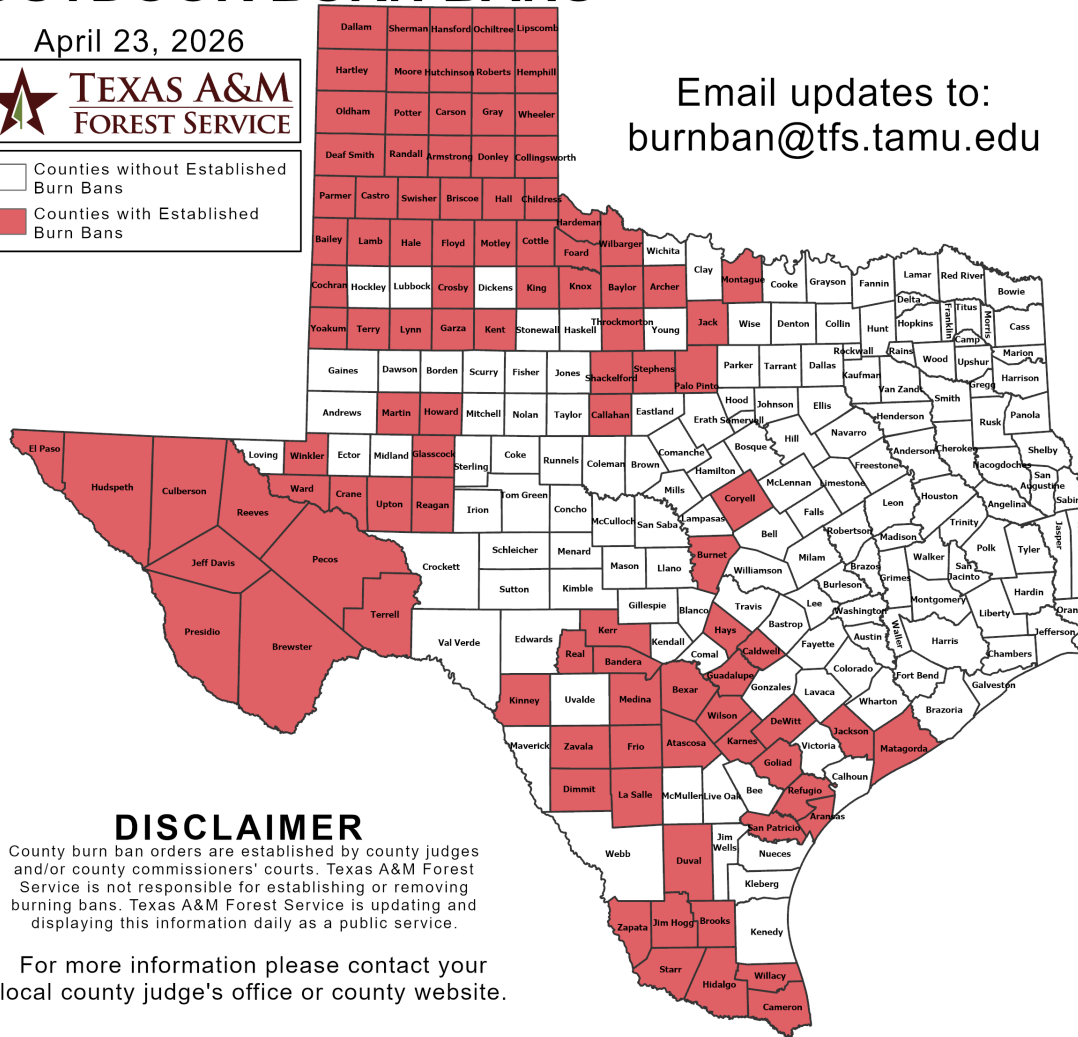
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

April 23, 2026



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

Counties with Burn Bans: 103

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| Aransas | Garza | Motley |
| Archer | Glasscock | Ochiltree |
| Armstrong | Goliad | Ondam |
| Atascosa | Gray | Palo Pinto |
| Bailey | Guadalupe | Parmer |
| Bandera | Hale | Pecos |
| Baylor | Hall | Potter |
| Bexar | Hansford | Presidio |
| Brewster | Hardeman | Randall |
| Briscoe | Hartley | Reagan |
| Brooks | Hays | Real |
| Burnet | Hemphill | Reeves |
| Caldwell | Hidalgo | Refugio |
| Callahan | Howard | Roberts |
| Cameron | Hudspeth | San Patricio |
| Carson | Hutchinson | Shackelford |
| Castro | Jack | Sherman |
| Childress | Jackson | Starr |
| Cochran | Jeff Davis | Stephens |
| Collingsworth | Jim Hogg | Swisher |
| Coryell | Karnes | Terrell |
| Cottle | Kent | Terry |
| Crane | Kerr | Throckmorton |
| Crosby | King | Upton |
| Culberson | Kinney | Ward |
| Dallam | Knox | Wheeler |
| Deaf Smith | Lamb | Wilbarger |
| DeWitt | La Salle | Willacy |
| Dimmit | Lipscomb | Wilson |
| Donley | Lynn | Winkler |
| Duval | Martin | Yoakum |
| El Paso | Matagorda | Zapata |
| Floyd | Medina | Zavala |
| Foard | Montague | |
| Frio | Moore | |

DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

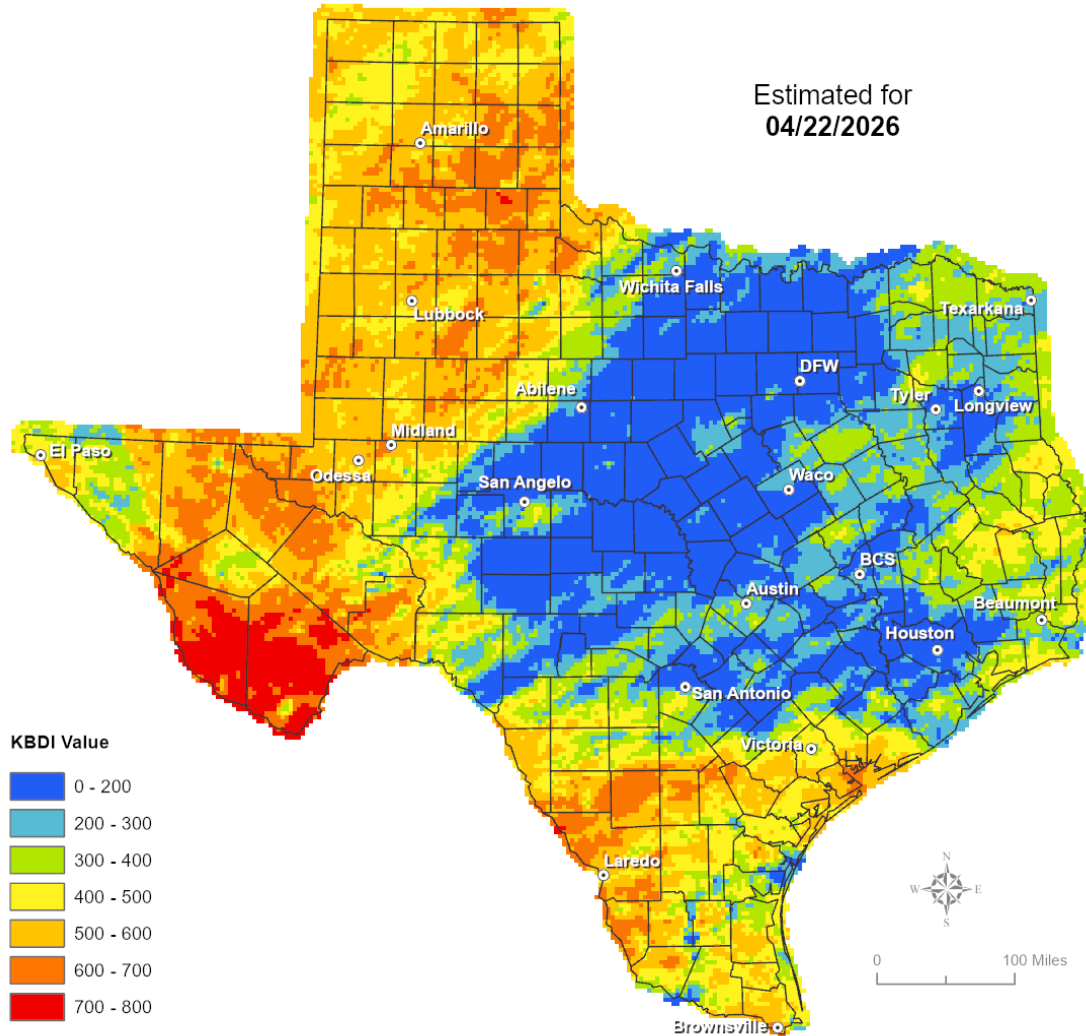
RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov
 Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought

Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
04/22/2026

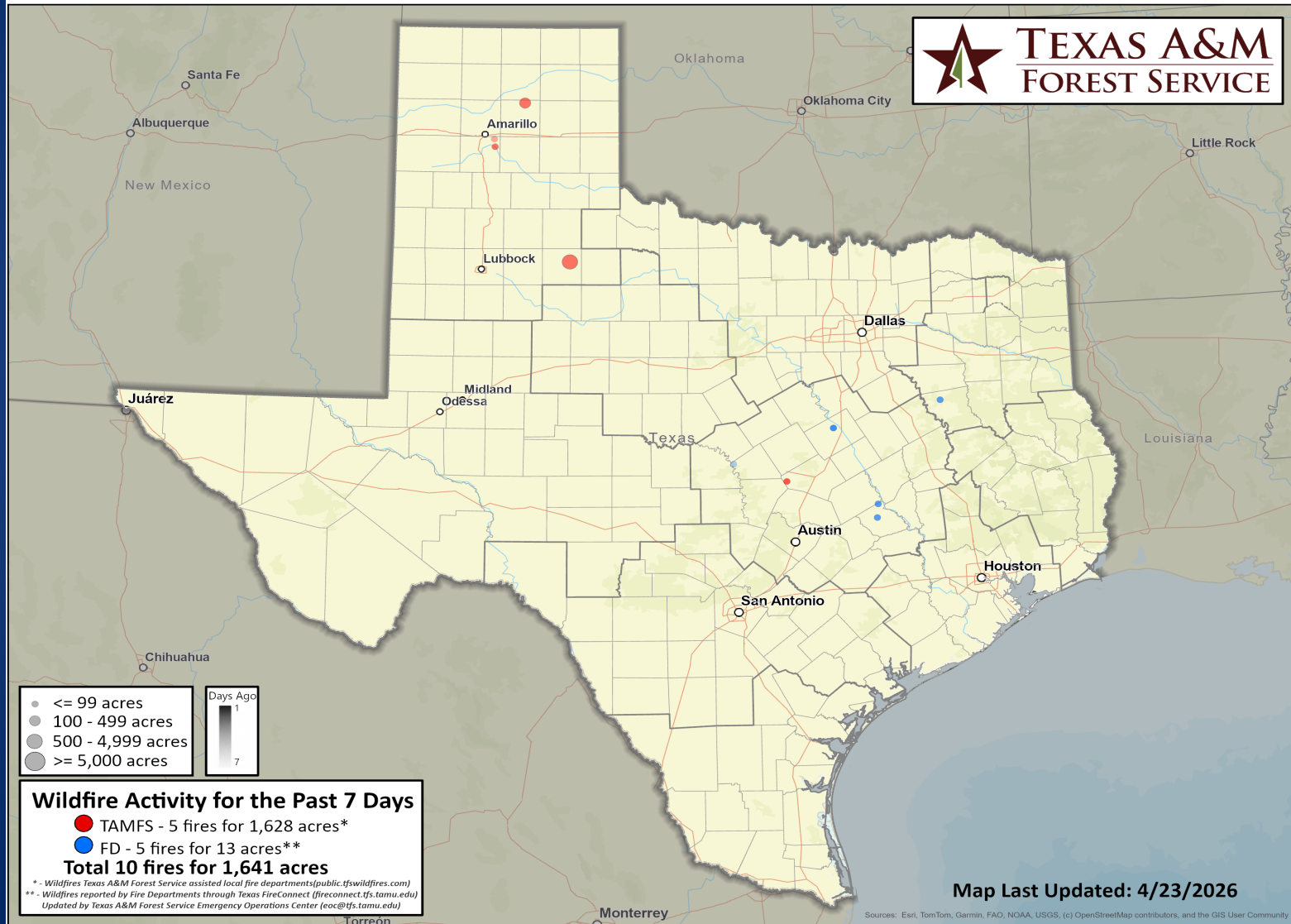


Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
04/22/26	Red Flag Warning	Armstrong, Bailey, Brester, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Jeff Davis, Lamb, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Reeves, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum
04/22/26	Fire Danger Statement	Dickens, Garza, Kent, and King Counties
04/23/26	Red Flag Warning	Brewster, Culberson, Gaines, Jeff Davis, Loving, Presidio, and Reeves Counties

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Report of 656 (No Change) fires and 67,151 (No Change) acres have been burned this year. There are 103 (-1) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list contains 104 (No Change) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/06/26	04/25/26	Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training	G-317	Weatherford
04/20/26	04/24/26	HazMat Technician (NFPA Certification Course)	H-501	LaPorte
04/21/26	04/23/26	Disaster Accounting Basics	T-ACC600	Houston
04/22/26	04/23/26	Continuity of Operations Program Management	L-1302	Austin
04/22/26	04/24/26	Disaster Accounting Basics	T-ACC600	Port Lavaca
04/23/26	04/23/26	Emergency Operations Center Incident Command System Interface	G-191	Baytown
04/23/26	04/24/26	Recovery from Disaster Local Community Roles	G-205	Hondo
04/23/26	04/24/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Missouri City
04/23/26	04/24/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Murphy
04/23/26	04/24/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Plano

Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
04/23/26	04/24/26	Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents	G-400	Wichita Falls
04/23/26	04/25/26	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer	G-428	El Paso
04/23/26	04/25/26	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer	G-428	Richmond
04/23/26	04/23/26	Rapid Needs Assessment	G-557	Uvalde
04/23/26	04/23/26	Response to a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) - Overview and Implementation of the First 100 Minutes Guidance	PER-348	Texas City
04/23/26	04/23/26	Executive Guide Public Officials Workshop	T-PUB200	Anahuac

Statewide Significant Events

DATES		LOCATION	EVENT
04/16/26	04/26/26	San Antonio	Fiesta Festival
04/19/26	04/26/26	Fort Worth	United States Team Roping Championships National Finals
04/21/26	04/29/26	Arlington	MLB: 2026 Texas Rangers Games