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PRESS RELEASE

GODFREY ADVISING RESIDENTS TO DELAY BURNING OF YARD WASTE DUE TO HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

High Fire Danger Through Afternoon

What are the Risks?

A **Red Flag Warning** means that critical conditions supporting an extreme fire danger are imminent or occurring.

Exercise extreme caution! Do not burn. Any fire that begins could easily spread and grow out of control, posing a threat to life and property.

Quick Forecast Points

- Temperatures will climb into the middle 50s to lower 60s
- West winds becoming northwest with gusts of 25 to 35 mph expected this afternoon
- Very low relative humidity and dry fuels are expected

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Godfrey officials are advising residents to postpone the burning of landscape waste for the week of Monday, December 11th 2017 to Friday, December 15th 2017 due to hazardous atmospheric conditions from wind and severe drought.

Godfrey officials will be invoking local ordinance to remind residents of possible hazards and asking them to delay any burning for the week of Dec 11th through Dec 15th due to wind and the severe drought conditions. **This ordinance prohibits burning of landscape waste even during allowed burn days, if atmospheric conditions persist that could potentially cause harm.** The normal burn days are Wednesdays and Saturdays for the month of December.

See following ordinance:

Chapter 30 Fire Prevention and Protection

Article IV Burning of Landscape Waste

- **Sec. 30-107. - Atmospheric conditions.**

Outdoor leaf or lawn burning which is permitted under this article may be prohibited at any time when, in the opinion of the appropriate and proper official of the village or the state environmental protection agency, atmospheric conditions are such that open leaf or lawn burning would prove harmful to the citizens of the village.

(Ord. No. 21-94, § 2(40.6), 10-18-1994)

Even when burning is allowed residents are cautioned (and village ordinance advise) against burning during high wind days.

For any questions or concerns related to this press release you may contact Judy Peipert in the Mayor's office at (618) 466-3324