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HEAT WARNING FOR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services is warning residents that a heat wave expected over Labor Day Weekend poses a risk to individuals, pets and property.

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory/warning for Friday and Saturday for much of Santa Cruz County, with risks ranging from moderate in coastal regions to high in the upper elevations of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Temperatures could exceed 100 degrees in many mountains areas.

NWS has also issues a red flag warning for elevated fire danger due to high temperatures and winds. The warning is in effect through 8 a.m. Saturday for Santa Cruz Mountain elevations above 1000 feet. Outdoor burning is not recommended, and barbecuing should be done with extreme caution and never be left unattended.

County OES is advising people to carry plenty of water and that cumulative heat impacts can severely impact health. Strenuous activity should be limited during peak temperatures, and residents should not leave children, elderly or pets in cars.

Labor Day Weekend is also a busy traffic weekend, with severe inland temperatures likely driving additional visitors to beach locations. Residents should expect impacted roads, should plan travel accordingly and carry extra water.