



# Nacogdoches County

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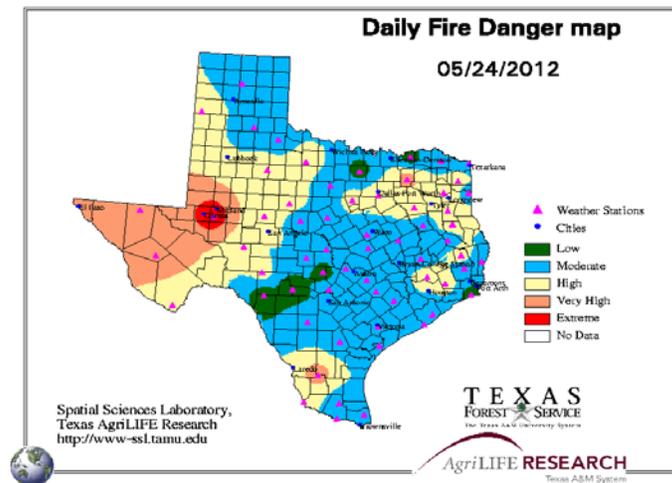
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### Nacogdoches County Advocates Safety on Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day weekend has arrived, and the Nacogdoches County Judge would like to remind our community to remain cautious this Memorial Day weekend, as friends and family gather outdoors and at barbecues to celebrate this time off together.

In the past, Nacogdoches County has encountered an unusual amount of fires in the County. In recent years, wildfires have burned up to 9 million acres of land, up from the average 4 – 5 million acres expected every year. Wildfires even move at speeds of up to 14 miles an hour consuming everything, from trees, brush, homes, to even humans, in its path.

Although four out of five wildfires are started by people, nature is usually more than ready to help sustain the flames. The Nacogdoches County Judge feels that raising wildfire awareness is key in preventing unnecessary forest fires, and keeping Nacogdoches County as safe and beautiful as possible.

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