

CT WILDFIRES, 11/4/2024

STAYING WARM WHILE STAYING SAFE



As temperatures drop, it is challenging for unhoused people to stay warm without fire. CT is experiencing extreme fire danger conditions and the state is currently tracking more than 100 fires. As such, open flames can unintentionally start new fires. Here are some safer ways to keep warm:



Dressing for Cold

- **Layer Clothing:** Wear multiple layers, including insulating materials like wool or fleece, as these trap heat effectively.
- **Hand and Body Warmers:** Disposable hand and foot warmers are compact, affordable, and safe to use in layers of clothing, blankets, or sleeping bags.



Camp Considerations

- **Find Wind Breaks:** Setting up camp in sheltered areas, like near walls or other barriers, can block wind.
- **Insulate Sleeping Areas:** Using blankets, cardboard, and newspaper can help create a layer of insulation between you & the ground, preserving body heat.
- **Stay Dry:** Wet clothes can lead to rapid heat loss. Consider waterproof clothing or bags for extra insulation.



Community Resources

- **Seek Emergency Shelters:** Local shelters may open for extended hours or offer temporary accommodations during extreme conditions. Libraries, community centers, and religious institutions often open their doors as well. For info on finding these locations in your area, please call United Way 211.
- **Community Resources:** Many local outreach organizations provide supplies like blankets, warm clothing, and sleeping bags, which can offer added warmth without fire.



Please stay warm & safe while being mindful of the ongoing fire danger.