**Outdoor Burning Strongly Discouraged Today**

Message of the Day:

- Strong northwest winds between 25 and 35 mph, with gusts up to 45 mph will persist into the early to mid-evening hours.
- Dry conditions, along with the gusty winds will bring elevated fire concerns through the remainder of the day. **Outdoor burning is discouraged.**
- Sub freezing temperatures expected area-wide Friday morning.
- Widespread rain, with scattered thunderstorms are expected this weekend. Severe weather is not anticipated at this time.
• A late season freeze is expected Friday morning. Expect low temperatures to drop well below freezing across the entire region.

• Freeze warning for late tonight into Friday morning, where agricultural interests have been deemed critical at this time of season.
Hazards: Strong northwest winds frequently gusting 40 to 50 mph.

Areas Impacted: All of eastern Kansas and western/central Missouri.

Timing & Duration: Thursday 9 am through 7 pm.

Temporary Structure Guidelines: Any outdoor temporary structure or shelter will be subjected to 40 to 50 mph winds out of the northwest for 8-12 hours.

Thursday night into Friday morning outdoor temperatures will drop well below freezing.

Note: Assume all tents are transparent with respect to lightning. That means they offer no protection from lightning and should be evacuated in advance of, during, and 30 minutes after thunderstorms. Additionally, tents have a variety of wind ratings depending on the design, materials used, and whether the tent was deployed and anchored in line with manufacturer recommendations. Know your structure’s wind rating and plan accordingly.
There is a strong signal for below normal temperatures going into the final week of April.

Normal high temperatures are in the 60s and normal low temperatures are in the 40s, so it’s likely that some days in the middle part of the month will be cooler than those normal temperatures.

There is also a signal for a drier than normal pattern for the middle part of the month.