

- High winds can topple trees and power lines, cause damage to buildings, trees, and vehicles, and injure anyone in their path.
- If a high wind watch/warning are issued, consider postponing outdoor activities.
- If you are driving:
 - Keep both hands on the wheel and SLOW DOWN;
 - Watch for objects like tree limbs, patio furniture, or garbage cans;
 - O Keep a safe distance from other vehicles like semi-trucks and other high-profile vehicles:
 - O If you must pull over, get on the road shoulder, stop, stay inside, and turn on your hazard lights.
- If outside without a vehicle:
 - Take cover next to a building or under a shelter;
 - Avoid roads and train tracks;
 - Use handrails while walking;
 - O Consider eye protection, wear a mask, and protect your face;
 - Watch for flying debris.
- During high winds, it's best to stay indoors and away from windows.
- Loose objects and debris can become dangerous projectiles in high winds.
- Secure outdoor furniture, decorations, trampolines, and umbrellas BEFORE the wind • picks up.
- Do not touch downed lines, assume they are all live and electrified avoid the area.
- High winds can create dangerous conditions on the water. Boaters should check the weather forecast BEFORE heading out.
- After a high wind event, be cautious when cleaning up debris. Wear protective gear like gloves, sturdy shoes, and watch out for sharp objects.

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WIND ADVISORY

Sustained winds of 30 mph for one hour and/or frequent gusts of at least 45 mph are occurring/ expected within 36 hours.

HIGH WIND WATCH

Sustained winds of 40 mph for one hour and/or frequent gusts of at least 58 mph are expected in the next 12-48 hours.

HIGH WIND WARNING

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