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## City of Indianapolis alerts residents ahead of potential hazardous weather

INDIANAPOLIS - The City of Indianapolis is reminding residents of safety tips prior to the first major potential for wind and thunderstorms of the year. According to the National Weather Service, the best chance for severe thunderstorms is expected between 7 p.m. Tuesday and 4 a.m. on Wednesday.

With the risk of this storm occurring in the overnight hours, it is important to have multiple ways to receive weather alerts and to make sure your phones are not silenced. Consider utilizing a weather radio and keep wireless devices charged. Subscribe to weather apps and have notifications turned on to alert you of incoming weather.

According to the National Weather Service, there is an isolated tornado risk across all central Indiana and a more enhanced risk over parts of southern Indiana.

Gusts within organized local storms could reach 60 to 70 miles per hour. Non-thunderstorm wind gusts may be up to 35 miles per hour through parts of Wednesday.

While the larger impacts are expected to be south of Marion County, there is the potential for isolated power outages and downed objects due to the high winds across the area.

Be sure to follow [NWS Indianapolis](#) and the [Marion County Emergency Management](#) for the latest updates. Be weather ready.

Helpful tips to remember during severe weather are:

- Avoid flooded roadways – turn around, don't drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can be hazardous. Especially at night it can be impossible to gauge depth of flooded areas.
- Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood – proactively help reduce the opportunity for flooding by keeping storm inlets near your home clear and free of debris.

- Stay away from downed power lines and trees - report them immediately. Report fallen power lines to AES at 317-261-8111. In an emergency contact 9-1-1.
- Anyone in need of non-emergency assistance or shelter should contact 2-1-1.
- To report roadway issues or downed trees in the right of way – contact the Mayor’s Action Center at 317-327-4622. Calls to the Mayor’s Action Center after normal business hours can be directed to DPW Dispatch by selecting option 2. This option is for DPW-related problems, such as an impassable roadway or a traffic signal problem. Residents can also use the [RequestIndy](#) app on mobile and desktop.
- To report ongoing flooding within the public street – contact Citizens Energy Group at 317-924-3311 to report standing water more than 72 hours after a weather event.

The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) has doubled staff on hand overnight for both dispatch and barricade crews. Indy DPW will also have forestry and stormwater teams on hand to address issues that arise from the weather.

Should downed limbs or high water leave a street impassable, crews will place barricades and signage on site. Motorists should heed all temporary signage avoid attempting to drive through barricaded roadways.

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