

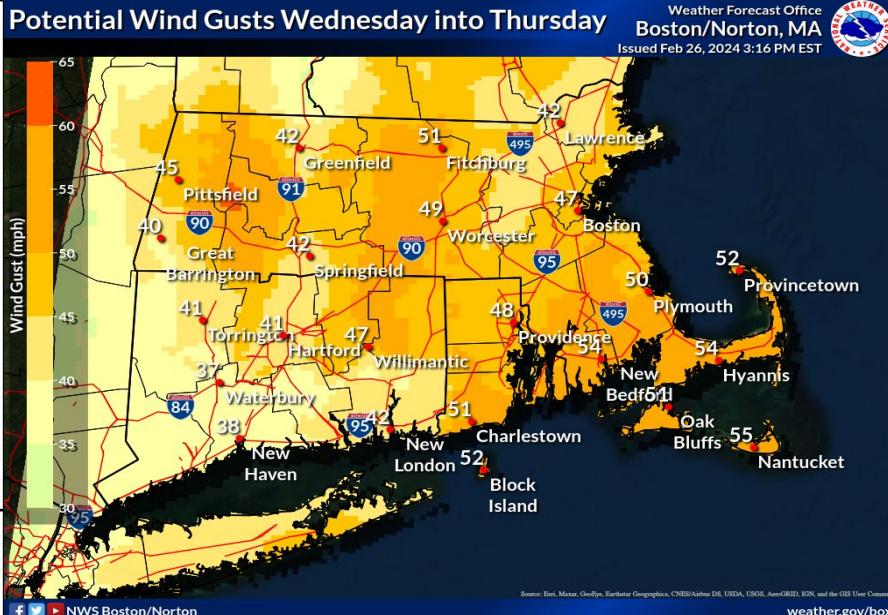
# High Wind Event Feb 28-29



Boston/Norton, MA  
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE

## OVERVIEW:

- Strong to damaging winds possible Wednesday & Thursday
- Locations - all of MA, RI & CT but greatest risk is western & central Massachusetts, with the wind shift to the west Wednesday night.

<b>TIMING</b>	▪ Wednesday into Thursday, but strongest winds likely Wed evening/night	
<b>HAZARDS &amp; IMPACTS</b>	▪ Very strong to damaging west winds possible.	
<b>NWS ALERTS</b>	▪ Given low forecast confidence, NWS headlines are not in effect.	
<b>FORECAST CHALLENGES</b>	▪ Will very strong to damaging winds materialize (60+ mph) and areal coverage (isolated, widespread, etc.)? Power outages are possible.	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	▪ Very strong to damaging winds will be accompanied by rapidly falling temperatures Wed night from the 50s into the 20s in only 1-2 hrs!	
<b>POST-EVENT OUTLOOK</b>	▪ Strong west winds persist into Thursday, with gusts 40 to 50 mph possible. This could impact power restoration.	 <p><b>Potential Wind Gusts Wednesday into Thursday</b></p> <p>Weather Forecast Office Boston/Norton, MA Issued Feb 26, 2024 3:16 PM EST</p> <p>The map shows potential wind gust speeds across the New England region. A color scale on the left indicates gust speeds from 30 to 65 mph. The map shows higher gust speeds (yellow and orange) in the western and central parts of the region, with values ranging from 40 to 60 mph. Lower gust speeds (green and blue) are shown in the eastern part of the region, with values ranging from 30 to 40 mph. Major cities and locations labeled include Lawrence, Fitchburg, Greenfield, Pittsfield, Springfield, Worcester, Boston, Providence, Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven, New London, Block Island, Charlestown, Plymouth, Provincetown, Hyannis, Oak Bluffs, and Nantucket. Major highways like I-90, I-91, I-495, and I-95 are also marked.</p>
<b>NEXT BRIEFING</b>	▪ 6 am Tuesday	

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