

Strong Northwest Winds Tonight & Friday



Boston/Norton, MA

WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE

OVERVIEW:

- Strong to locally damaging northwest wind gusts develop tonight into Friday.
- Gusts 45-50 mph in lower elevations, but gusts to 60 mph expected in the eastern slopes of the Berkshires and central MA.

TIMING

- Gusts increase 6-8 PM tonight. Peak of the wind gusts midnight to 5 PM Friday in the higher elevations, and peak gusts in lower elevations around 5 AM to 5 PM Friday.

HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- Downed trees and powerlines, possible anywhere but particularly in the high terrain. Possible damage to structures.
- Hazardous conditions for mariners.

NWS ALERTS

- High Wind Warning: 7 PM Thurs to 7 PM Fri for the east slopes of the Berkshires and central MA
- Wind Advisory: 7 PM Thurs to 7 PM Fri for the rest of Southern New England.

FORECAST CHALLENGES

- Onset of strongest wind gusts in lower elevations could be delayed until sunrise.
- Might wet ground from recent rain and snowmelt lead to more trees/powerlines downed?

POST-EVENT OUTLOOK

- Dry weather expected Friday night.
- Another possible round of gusty winds on Sat, but may not be as strong as tonight/Fri.

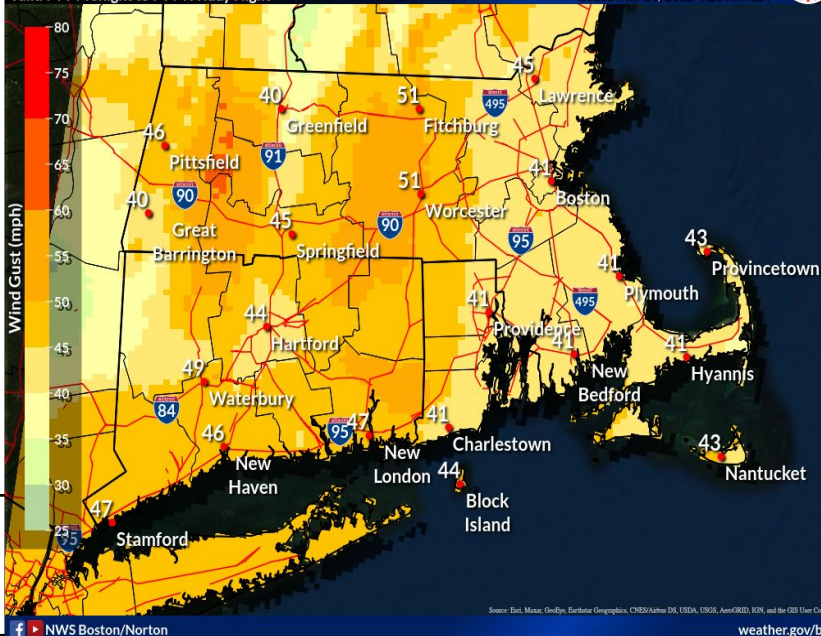
NEXT BRIEFING

- By 6 PM Thursday.

Forecast Maximum Wind Gusts

Valid 7 PM Tonight to 7 PM Friday Night

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