

Strong Northwest Winds Today

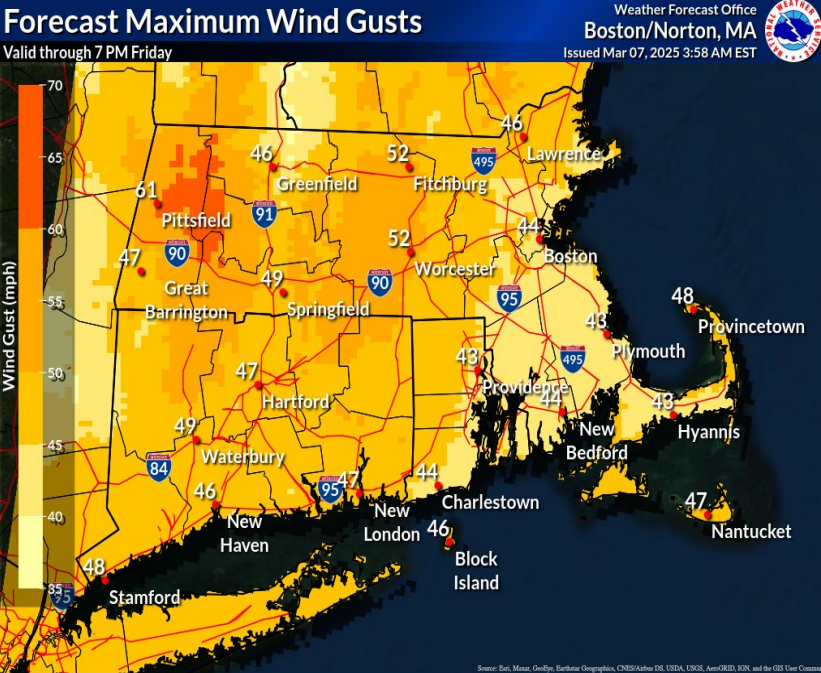


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WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE

OVERVIEW:

- Strong to locally damaging northwest wind gusts continue through this afternoon.
- Gusts 45-50 mph in lower elevations, but gusts to 60 mph expected in the Berkshires and central MA.

TIMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ongoing; peak of the winds starting around sunrise and continue thru mid-afternoon. Decreasing gusts late this afternoon.
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Downed trees and powerlines, possible anywhere but particularly in the high terrain. Possible damage to structures.Hazardous conditions for mariners.
NWS ALERTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">High Wind Warning: Through 7 PM today for the Berkshires and central MAWind Advisory: Through 7 PM today for the rest of Southern New England.
FORECAST CHALLENGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Another period of strong northwest gusts of 45-50 mph is possible on Saturday, which could prompt additional wind headlines.
POST-EVENT OUTLOOK	<div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Second surge of gusts in the 40-50 mph range Sat could hamper power restoration efforts.Otherwise, dry with seasonably cold temperatures this weekend.</div><div></div></div>
NEXT BRIEFING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final, unless conditions warrant.