

Hurricane Sandy Briefing #7

Post-Tropical Impacts



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Executive Summary



- Post-tropical Sandy affecting our region this evening and overnight.
- High Wind Warning, Blizzard Warning, and Flood Watch are in effect (**NOTE: Several counties are now under a Flood Warnings**). Winter Weather Advisory for wet snow along the highest ridges of Westmoreland and Fayette. River Flood Watch in effect for portions of lower Monongahela and lower Allegheny basin.
- Threats
 - **Wind-** Sustained 20-35 mph with gusts possible to 60 mph. This will lead to downed trees and power outages. (Peak winds across area from 1000 PM this evening to 400 AM Tuesday morning.
 - **Flooding-** 2 to 4 inches of rain expected (1-2 inches farther west across east-central OH) . Small creeks, streams, and areas of poor drainage.
 - **Heavy/wet snow-** 12-20 inches forecast above 2500 feet and up to 9 inches possible along the highest ridges of Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

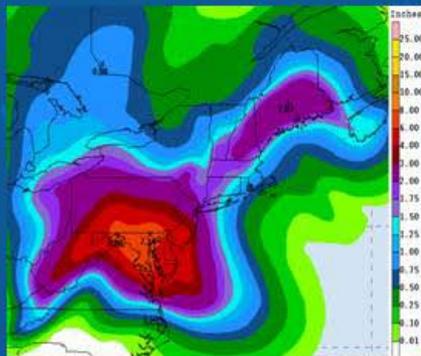


Weather Update Graphic



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FLOOD WATCH



- **Timing:** Through Late Tuesday evening
- **Location:** Area-wide
- **Rainfall:** 2-4 inches
- **Impact:** Creeks, streams, and areas of poor drainage
- Flood Watch for rivers
 - in the lower Monongahela
 - and lower Allegheny basins
 - through Wednesday

HIGH WIND WARNING



- **Timing:** through Noon Tuesday
- **Location:** Area-wide
- **Sustained Winds:** 20-35 mph
- **Wind Gusts:** Up to 60 mph
- **Impacts:** Downed trees and power outages possible
- **Peak winds:** between 1000 PM to 400 AM

BLIZZARD WARNING



- **Timing:** Through 6 PM Tuesday
- **Location:** Greatest accumulation above 2500 feet
- **Totals:** 12-20 inches
- 1-2 inch per hour snowfall rate
- **Impacts:** Visibilities near zero and heavy, wet snow possibly downing trees with power outages

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Potential Impacts



1) ***Strong gusty winds***

- Coming from the Northwest at 20-35 mph with gusts possible up to 60 mph
- Trees and power lines down with power outages

2) ***Heavy rain and flooding***

- Flooding of small creeks, stream, and low lying areas.
- River Flood Watch for potential river flooding later Tuesday into Wednesday
- NOTE: plenty of leaves on the ground and this will worsen flooding potential with possible clogged drains

3) **Heavy, wet snow and Blizzard Conditions**

- 12-20 inches above 2500 ft (Garrett, Preston, Tucker)
- Up to 9 inches wet snow highest ridges of Westmoreland and Fayette counties
- Near zero visibilities with strong winds
- Trees and power lines down producing power outages



Preparations



- Suggested precautionary/preparedness actions:
 1. Avoid unnecessary travel tonight into early Tuesday.
 2. Fuel up your vehicles and have extra cash available.
 3. If have a generator, assure you have adequate fuel on hand. Do not run generators inside.
 4. To prepare for the possibility of prolonged power outages, make sure you have a supply of fresh batteries and a supply of candles or flashlights on hand.
 5. Be sure to have several days of fresh water on hand for drinking and cooking.
 6. Secure or store loose items outside as they could become airborne in strong winds.
 7. Clean out any storm drains or gutters that may be clogged by leaves.
 8. If you live in a flood prone area and if possible, consider moving items that may be damaged to higher ground.
 9. If you have limited mobility or know of someone who may be disabled, consider arranging for temporary shelter if they live in an area that may flood or could lose.



Updates Ahead



- Continue to monitor NWS products and additional Decision Support Products for more information.
- Briefing packages will be distributed daily until further notice.
 - 11am Tuesday info: Register [here](#)
 - Conference call info: 888-889-6561 pin 5284561 Press *6 to mute phone



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