# AEP Ohio Monitoring and Preparing for Incoming Severe Storms April 1, 2024 — 6:00 PM | Pre-Storm Advisory One



# What You Need to Know

- Late tonight and Tuesday morning: We're monitoring the threat of strong to severe weather in Central and Southern Ohio.
- Tuesday afternoon and into the evening: The latest forecast indicates a significant severe weather threat across the state with 60-75+ mph wind gusts and tornadoes possible.
- Find tips to stay safe before, during and after the storms, including a reminder to sign up for alerts at AEPOhio.com/Alerts.
- We strongly encourage customers with medical issues and life-supporting equipment to have a backup power source and an alternate plan in the event of a power outage.

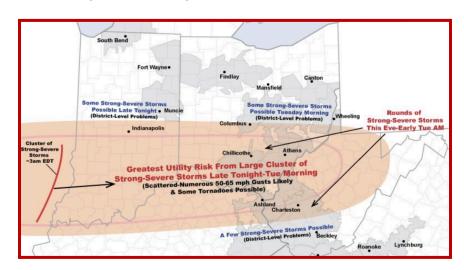
# **AEP METEOROLOGIST REPORT: AT-A-GLANCE**

Our meteorologists are monitoring the potential for strong to severe storms that could bring high winds, heavy rain and tornadoes beginning late tonight and continuing through tomorrow evening. This weather could result in power outages throughout our service territory.

With high winds and extremely saturated ground, trees are more susceptible to uprooting and falling, potentially breaking poles and bringing down power lines. If power outages occur, our crews are prepared to respond and restore power safely and as quickly as possible.

# WHAT TO EXPECT: TONIGHT - TUESDAY MORNING

**Central and Southern Ohio:** Strong to severe storms are expected to develop tonight through Tuesday morning. These storms could generate wind gusts of 50-65 mph with some tornadoes possible.



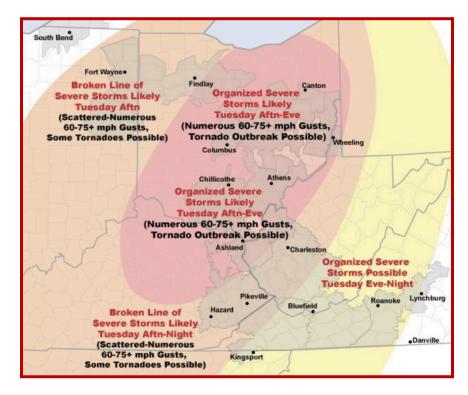
Areas	Weather Event	Probability	Time
South Columbus, South	Rounds of Strong to Severe	80%	Late Afternoon, 8
Newark, Chillicothe,	Storms  50-65 mph gusts likely and some		p.m. until 10 a.m.
Athens	tornadoes are possible		Tuesday morning

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# WHAT TO EXPECT: TUESDAY AFTERNOON - EVENING

**Across the state:** We're also closely monitoring the threat of significant severe weather beginning Tuesday afternoon and continuing throughout the evening. Organized severe storms will likely move through our service territory, producing 60-75+ mph wind gusts and the potential for tornadoes. These storms could create significant outages. We will continue to monitor the forecast and provide updates as more details are available.



Areas	Weather Event	Probability	Time
All	Organized Severe Storms Likely	70%	3 p.m 10 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon - Evening
	Tornado Outbreak Possible	40%	

NOTE: Changes to the forecast, threat areas, timeframes and intensities are possible.

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# PREPARE NOW TO STAY SAFE

**Before the Storm** 

# Assemble an Emergency Kit

Include non-perishable food, water, a flashlight, batteries, a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit, any necessary medications, fully charged portable chargers, blankets, extra cash and maps of your area.

# **During the Storm**



# **Stay Connected**

Sign up for alerts at <u>AEPOhio.com/Alerts</u> to receive email and text messages. You can also download our mobile app to check on an outage status and find restoration information at <u>AEPOhio.com/App</u>.

# **After the Storm**



### Stay Safe

Keep as far away as possible from fallen wire and anything it may be touching. If you see a fallen wire, do not approach and instead call **911** or AEP Ohio at **800-672-2231** immediately.



### Plan Ahead

Think about where you might go if there's an extended outage and you need to leave your home. If local community shelters become available, we'll add them to our outage map at <a href="mailto:AEPOhio.com/OutageMap">AEPOhio.com/OutageMap</a>.



#### Tune In

Watch our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>X</u> accounts to stay informed of any ongoing updates during the storm. Also, be sure to check in with local TV or radio stations.



### **Be Alert**

Carefully investigate your surroundings before cleaning up any storm debris. Tree limbs, leaves and other objects moved by the wind could hide downed wires.

# STAYING CONNECTED

To receive the latest alerts and information, you should:

- Sign up for text alerts: <u>AEPOhio.com/Alerts</u>
- Download the AEP Ohio mobile app: AEPOhio.com/App
- Visit <u>AEPOhio.com</u> throughout the duration of the event, including <u>AEPOhio.com/OutageMap</u>
- Follow AEP Ohio on Facebook and X

NOTE: Make sure we have your most recent contact information at AEPOhio.com/Account

# **NEXT UPDATE**

Updates will be provided at <u>AEPOhio.com</u> and through other communication channels as needed.

As always, our crews will work to restore power as safely and quickly as they can if outages occur.