

Grays Harbor County High Wind Warning

Local News

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SEATTLE, Wash. - The National Weather Service in Seattle, has issued a High Wind Warning for the North and Central Coast of Washington in effect from 3pm Wednesday to midnight tonight. Winds will increase @ 10am today with the highest gusts expected between 7 & 8pm tonight. There is also a High Surf Advisory in effect from 5pm Wednesday until 11am Thursday morning with waves in the 20-25 foot range which will cause localized beach erosion and rip currents. High tide is 6:34pm. After confirming with the National Weather Service office in Seattle at 10:00 am this morning, they feel that gusting to 70mph is a distinct possibility in the Westport, Ocean Shores and beach areas. At this time they are saying that strong Southerly winds of 40-45 mph are expected this afternoon with gusts up to 70 mph. This storm is very powerful for a spring storm and is being related to intensity to some winter storms we have experienced.

Grays Harbor Emergency Management is advising all citizens to be prepared for a high wind event. A High Wind Warning means that a hazardous wind event is imminent. High winds can topple trees, especially since they have full leaf canopies at this time of year. Winds can down power lines and destroy property. Stow all lawn furniture around your property. In the event you lose power, please DO NOT use portable generators indoors and never refuel near your home or structures. Be extremely careful around downed power lines.

During a High Surf Advisory, be extremely careful around the beaches, rocks and jetties as waves will run much farther than normal and will be strong enough to sweep a person from a jetty or an unwary beach walker out to sea. DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK TO THE SEA! High surf will also toss logs and debris onto beaches and rocks.