

Wind Advisory Monday

Local News

Posted by: David Haviland

Posted on : September 26, 2011 at 6:16 am

The National Weather Service in Seattle has issued a **Wind Advisory for the North & Central Coasts of Washington, beginning this morning and lasting until 8pm tonight**. Coastal areas can expect rain today with **South Winds at 25-38 mph sustained , gusting to 55 mph**. The **peak winds will be this morning into the early afternoon**. Wind gusts could gust to 35mph in some inland regions. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management is reminding all citizens that autumn has returned and the severe weather will occur frequently until late Spring. Be prepared for possible power outages due to broken tree limbs from the winds impacting the full leaf canopies in the trees. Some trees could topple due to the wet ground bringing down power lines. **DO NOT** go near downed trees or power lines!

Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas that can kill. Carbon monoxide comes from burning fuels such as gasoline, propane, oil, kerosene, natural gas, coal or wood. Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable: Only use portable generators outdoors and far from open windows and vents. Never use a generator indoors, in garages or carports. Never use a gas or charcoal grill, hibachi, or portable propane heater to cook indoors or heat your home. If you use a portable space heater indoors, be sure to leave a window open 1-2" to provide ventilation. Never fill a Space Heater indoors! Carbon monoxide poisoning can strike suddenly and without warning. **Physical symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include splitting headache, nausea, vomiting, lethargy and fatigue. If you or a family member believes that they could be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, get out of the property and call 911 immediately from a neighbor's home.**

Never Go Near a Fallen Power Line

If you encounter a fallen power line, **STAY AWAY!** Wet ground can conduct the electricity and it may arc to your body if you get too close. If you find a fallen power line, call 911 and **STAY AWAY!**

If Power Goes Out, Keep Your Food Safe

Keep the doors closed on your refrigerators and freezers as much as possible. This keeps the cold air inside. A full freezer can stay at freezing temperatures about two days; a half-full freezer about 1 day. If you think the power will be out for several days, try to find some ice to pack inside your refrigerator. Remember to keep your raw foods separate from your ready-to-eat foods. Refrigerated foods should be safe as long as the power is out no more than a few hours and the refrigerator/freezer doors have been kept closed. Potentially hazardous foods, such as meat and fish, should be discarded if they warm up above 41° F. Frozen foods that remain frozen are not a risk. If potentially hazardous foods are thawed, but are still cold or have ice crystals on them, you should use them as soon as possible. If potentially hazardous foods are thawed and are warmer

than 41° F, you should discard them.