High Wind Warning Tonight into Tuesday Morning

Local News

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The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Seattle has issued the following information:

A significant wind and rain storm is approaching the area. The winds will have a substantial impact on the North & Central Coasts and will also be felt inland.

Monday Evening – Tuesday Morning – A High Wind Warning will be in effect all night into Tuesday morning. Sustained winds will be 35-45 mph, gusting to 65 mph along the coast. Gusts to 40 mph may be felt in East County. Rain will be heavy. This is one of the strongest wind storms along the coast in quite some time. Please be aware that this event will be a long lasting event (12 hours or more), and that the sustained winds and gusts are expected to be fairly constant all night. The winds are expected to impact the area from 7pm to 7am Tuesday morning.A HIGH WIND WARNING MEANS THAT A HAZARDOUS WIND EVENT IS IMMINENT OR OCCURRING. HIGH WINDS CAN TOPPLE TREES...DOWN POWER LINES...AND DESTROY PROPERTY.

The storm will impact the entire Washington Coast. Included with the storm will be very heavy rainfall. The Olympics and North Cascades may receive up to 4” of rain during the event. The Coast could see 3”-3.5” of rain over the next day. A Flood Watch will be issued from Tuesday morning - Wednesday afternoon. A Flood Watch means that conditions are favorable for flooding but flooding is not imminent or occurring.

All rivers in Western Washington are expected to rise from the storm. Flooding may become an issue on many rivers and streams. The Chehalis River may reach flood stage at Centralia and Grand Mound, but it is expected to be minor. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management is urging all residents to prepare for the severe weather events that have been forecast. Prepare for possible flooding on all rivers in the County. Please monitor your television and radio for information about the approaching storm. When the strong winds and rain arrive, power outages are very likely to occur. Do not approach fallen trees, branches or power lines. Check your generators. Do not use generators indoors. Do not refuel portable space heaters indoors. Never use your oven or barbeque grill to heat your home. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will be in direct contact with the National Weather Service to provide any alerting to our citizens as conditions change.