



Weather Alert



Nor'easter expected Thursday into the weekend

September 23, 2026

The first Nor'easter of the season is expected to bring a one-two punch of heavy rain and high winds to Massachusetts this Thursday evening. Due to the severe dip in the Jetstream, blocking the typical west to east air flow, this storm could linger for days.

- **Expected Rain Amounts:** A widespread 1 to 4 inches of rain is possible across parts of the state as the slow-moving system lingers.
- **Expected Wind Gusts:** Winds could reach 40 to 50 mph, with the strongest gusts expected across eastern Massachusetts and coastal areas from Friday into Sunday.
- **Expected Impacts:** In these situations, the highest impacts from rain and wind are expected close to the coastline, from the North Shore of Massachusetts down through the Cape and Islands. Major beach erosion could occur, especially along northeast and east facing beaches.

Because the exact track of the storm can still shift, you can monitor live updates and specific regional advisories directly through the [National Weather Service Forecast Office](#)

Recommended Wind Related Preparation Activities

- Check your roofs for any existing damage and see if additional reinforcement like fasteners or strapping is needed.
- Verify that all rooftop and window ventilation and air conditioning units are securely fastened.
- Trim any tree limbs that are close to buildings.
- Test all generators to confirm they are working properly.
- Bring inside or secure any outside furniture and fixtures that can become projectiles during heavy winds.

Recommended Rain Related Preparation Activities

- Over the next two days, inspect storm drains, clean out catch basins and clear culverts.
- Make sure municipal buildings' gutters, downspouts and drains are clear so that water can effectively flow away from buildings.
- Test all sump pumps to ensure they are working properly.
- If you have water sensors in your buildings, ensure they are operational and notifications are alerting to the appropriate personnel.

Continuity Related Preparation Activities

- Review your facilities inspection protocols for during storms and ensure emergency service vendors are in place, and that employees know how to contact these critical vendors.
- Review your backup communication strategies to ensure you have a plan for notifying residents and employees if phone lines and computer networks become unavailable.
- Inspect, prepare, and maintain any equipment that might be needed for post-storm cleanup, such as chainsaws, sump pumps, and temperature and water sensors.
- Fill all municipal fuel storage tanks, including fleet fuel.
- Move emergency response vehicles to high ground staging areas or secure garages.

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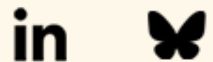
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