

AEP Ohio Closely Monitoring New Winter Weather System

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What You Need to Know

- AEP meteorologists are monitoring a new winter storm with strong winds of up to 60 mph across Ohio beginning tomorrow night through Saturday.
- We encourage customers to prepare now for potential weather-related power outages.
- More than 2,100 line, tree and support personnel are on standby and ready to restore power, if needed.

AEP METEOROLOGIST REPORT: AT-A-GLANCE

A new winter storm is approaching, bringing strong winds of up to 60 mph beginning tomorrow night and throughout the day on Saturday. With ongoing high winds and extremely saturated ground, trees are more susceptible to uproot and fall, potentially breaking poles and bringing down power lines.



Areas	Weather Event	Probability	Time
Northwest Ohio	Frequent 50-60 mph Gusts Likely	60%	8pm Fri Eve—12pm Sat
Canton, Newark, Columbus	Frequent 50-55 mph Gusts Likely	60%	12am Midnight Fri—2pm Sat
Chillicothe	Frequent 45-50 mph Gusts Likely	60%	11am—6pm Fri
Athens	Frequent 45-50 mph Gusts Likely	60%	12am Midnight Fri—12pm Sat

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

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PREPARING FOR THE WEATHER

With more than 2,100 line, tree and support personnel ready, our crews will restore power safely and as quickly as possible. We encourage customers to stay safe and prepare:

- Check your [local forecast](#) for the latest updates on timing and intensity.
- Establish an [emergency preparedness plan](#) and [emergency kit](#) for you and your family.
- Make sure the elderly or those with medical conditions have a plan in place. (*Don't forget to include pets in your [planning](#).*)
- Secure loose items outside of your home that could be picked up or blown by high winds.
- If you see any fallen wire, stay as far away as possible from it and anything it may be touching. Call 911 and report any safety hazards through the [AEP Ohio mobile app](#) or by calling AEP Ohio at (800) 672-2231.

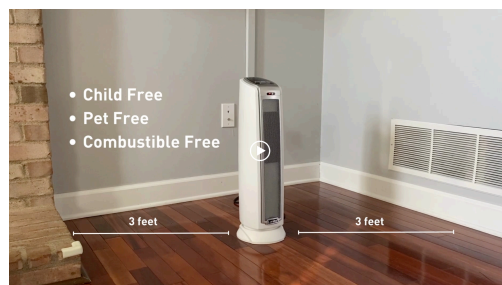
NOTE: We strongly encourage customers with life-supporting medical equipment to have a backup power source and an alternate plan in the event of a power outage.

PJM COLD WEATHER ALERT

PJM, the organization responsible for managing the electric transmission grid in 13 states including Ohio, has issued a [cold weather alert](#) ahead of forecasted frigid temperatures across several states. While PJM is not projecting generation capacity shortages that would limit customer usage, we always encourage customers to [use energy wisely](#).

STAY SAFE. STAY WARM.

- Never operate lanterns, heaters or fuel-fired stoves without proper ventilation.
- Use battery-powered lights and other devices like your phone flashlight instead of candles to help prevent fires.
- Follow the generator manufacturer's recommendations for safe installation, operation and maintenance.
- Have a fire extinguisher nearby. [Check out this guide](#) to learn which fire extinguisher you need.
- Review [these tips](#) from the Ohio State Fire Marshal on using space heaters:



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