

## What You Need to Know

- AEP Ohio is monitoring the potential for rain and damaging winds tonight and tomorrow.
- **Tonight:** Wind gusts of up to 65 mph and tornadoes are possible throughout our service territory.
- **Tomorrow:** Rain and strong winds of up to 60 mph will continue in Athens and surrounding areas.
- We encourage customers to prepare now for potential weather-related power outages.

## PREPARING FOR INCOMING SEVERE WEATHER

Our meteorologists are monitoring the potential for thunderstorms and damaging winds across the state tonight and through mid-day tomorrow. Saturated ground and high winds could bring down trees and cause broken poles, bringing down power lines.

If you see any downed lines, stay as far away from them as possible and anything they may be touching and call 911 or AEP Ohio. If power outages occur, our crews are prepared to respond and restore power safely and as quickly as possible.

Please help us pass this news along to constituents, clients, friends, family members and others so they can start preparing should any outages occur.

## AEP METEOROLOGIST REPORT: AT-A-GLANCE

- **Tonight:** Scattered strong to severe thunderstorms with pockets of wind gusts up to 65 mph with the potential for tornadoes are possible across AEP Ohio's service territory. In general, wind gusts of 30-40 mph are also expected tonight.
- **Additional Severe Weather Wednesday:** Athens and surrounding areas in Southeastern Ohio may see a line of rain and damaging wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour between 7 a.m. and noon tomorrow.



# AEP Ohio Monitoring Thunderstorms & Damaging Winds

February 27, 2024 — 5:00 PM | Update One



## February 28, 2024 Weather Table

| Areas   | Weather Event   | Probability | Time                       |
|---|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Athens and surrounding areas in Southeastern Ohio | Line of Rain with Damaging Winds Possible<br>(45-60 mph Gusts Possible) | 40%         | 7 a.m. - Noon<br>Wednesday |

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

### GETTING AHEAD OF THE STORM: POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS

As severe weather approaches, now is the time to make plans and prepare for what you'll do if there's a power outage. In addition, strong wind gusts can create hazards. Follow these tips to keep you and your loved ones safe:

- Check your [local forecast](#) for the latest updates on timing and intensity.
- Develop an [emergency preparedness plan](#) for you and your family. Also, contact family, friends and neighbors who are elderly or have a medical condition—and don't forget to include your pets in your [planning](#).
- Assemble or refresh an [emergency kit](#) that includes (at minimum) non-perishable food, water, a flashlight, batteries, a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit, any necessary medications, fully charged portable chargers, extra cash and maps of your area.
- Remember to secure any loose objects outside of your home such as furniture, umbrellas or trampolines that could become airborne in strong winds.

**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.**

### STAYING CONNECTED

To receive the latest alerts and information you should:

- Sign up for text alerts: [AEPOhio.com/Alerts](https://www.aepohio.com/alerts)
- Download the AEP Ohio mobile app: [AEPOhio.com/App](https://www.aepohio.com/app)
- Visit [AEPOhio.com](https://www.aepohio.com) throughout the duration of the event, including [AEPOhio.com/OutageMap](https://www.aepohio.com/outagemap)
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**NOTE: Make sure we have your most recent contact information at [AEPOhio.com/Account](https://www.aepohio.com/account)**

### NEXT UPDATE

Updates will be provided at [AEPOhio.com](https://www.aepohio.com) and through other communication channels as needed.

**As always, our crews will work to restore power as safely and quickly as they can.**