



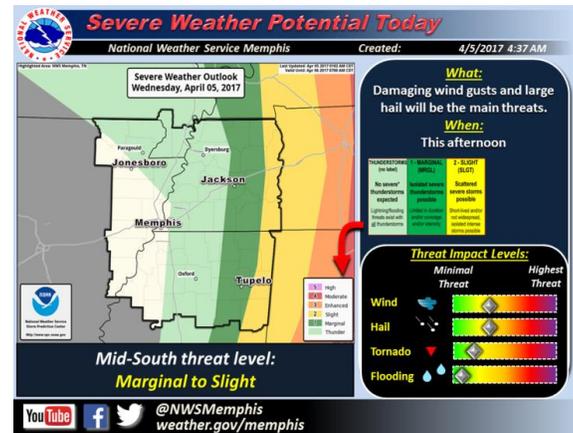
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Prepare for Windy Conditions

“Prepare for high winds today and this evening,” said Dale Lane, Director Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP). “The National Weather Service has issued a **wind advisory from noon until 10:00 p.m.** with sustained southwest winds of 25 mph and wind gusts of up to 40 mph. Stay alert for downed trees and power lines and anticipate outages. High profile vehicles on north-south roads may also be impacted.”

High Wind Safety Tips:

Stay informed: Listen to the forecast from the National Weather Service on NOAA radio.



At Home:

- Ahead of time, trim branches away from your home.
- The safest place is in a sturdy building. Have a “go kit” to include: flashlight, batteries, NOAA battery-powered radio, bottled water, non-perishable food, and cell phone.
- Secure patio furniture, garbage cans, and outdoor plants.
- Bring pets indoors or to a sheltered location.
- Move vehicles into garages or in a place they will be protected from flying debris.
- If you live in a mobile home, have a plan to quickly go to a sturdy building for shelter.

On the Road:

- Plan to stay off the road during high wind conditions. But if you must drive:
 - Take it slow.
 - Keep a safe distance from other vehicles, especially high profile vehicles.
 - Watch out for flying debris.
 - If winds are strong, pull to the side of the road away from trees and power lines. Keep seat belt on and turn on hazard lights.
 - If a powerline falls on your vehicle, stay inside the vehicle. Do not touch the metal frame. Honk your horn to warn others. Do not exit the car until professionals arrive.

Downed Power Lines:

Stay away from downed power lines. Report damaged power lines to the MLGW Outage Hot Line: 901.544.6500. To view the MLGW Outage Map: www.mlgw.com/residential/outagemap.

Resources: www.fema.gov and www.weather.gov

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