

Duke energy is preparing for a significant wind storm tonight through Friday. As widely reported, steady rainfall will be followed by a cold front and very high winds.

Across the higher elevations, wind gusts up to 60 mph are likely beginning overnight and continuing throughout the daytime hours on Friday. Across the Piedmont, wind gusts of 35-45 mph are expected, beginning mid-morning Friday and continuing through the afternoon. Breezy conditions will continue Friday night and Saturday, though winds will not be as strong and gusty. These conditions present the opportunity for power outages across our community. Company meteorologists are watching the storm develop and company crews are preparing their response plans. The Duke Energy team is ready to respond to whatever Mother Nature sends our way.

Should this storm bring outages to our community, the link below outlines the company's restoration process.

- [Link to restoration process.](#)

Some of the most significant risk with this type of storm can be downed trees and power lines. Below are a few safety reminders:

- Stay away from downed or sagging power lines, and do not touch anything that is on or near a power line (i.e., trees or tree limbs, cars, ladders).
- Keep children and family pets away from areas where lines may have fallen (backyards, fields, school yards, etc.).
- If a power line falls across a car that you're in, stay in the car. If you MUST get out of the car due to a fire or other immediate life-threatening situation, do your best to jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Be sure that no part of your body is touching the car when your feet touch the ground.
- Report all power line hazards to Duke Energy or your local emergency services department or agency.

As when any storm approaches our community, it's good to remind everyone to prepare before the storm arrives. Below is a link to storm safety reminders.

- <https://www.duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety>

Reporting Power Outages

Customers who experience power outages should call Duke Energy's automated outage-reporting systems for their respective utility:

Duke Energy Carolinas: **1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766)**

Customers may also report an outage or view current outages online at [duke-energy.com/outages](https://www.duke-energy.com/outages) or text OUT to 57801.