



Severe Weather Later Today

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Weather Hazards



What	Where	Timing	Impacts	Confidence
Severe Thunderstorms	Area-Wide	Numerous/Widespread 4 PM – 12 AM	All Severe Threats Afternoon/Evening Damaging Winds Tornadoes Large hail	Medium-High
Flooding	Northern IL & Northwest IN	At times in the afternoon and evening	Minor flooding on area rivers & streams, urban flooding. Localized flash flooding	Medium



Early Afternoon Thoughts



- **Uncertainty**: A corridor of significant severe potential may develop near and along a warm front from northern IL into northwest IN, and there is uncertainty on the location of the front by the late afternoon.
- **Storm Mode**:
 - Initial discrete supercells appear probable in the mid-late afternoon across north central/northwest Illinois.
 - Supercell storm mode is more likely to persist farther southeast into the Chicago metro and northwest Indiana, with attendant risk for tornadoes, some strong (EF-2 +) and very large hail (2"+)
 - As storms continue to track east-southeast this evening, the damaging wind threat will likely increase. Embedded tornadoes will remain possible.



Today's Threat Timeline

11:30 AM

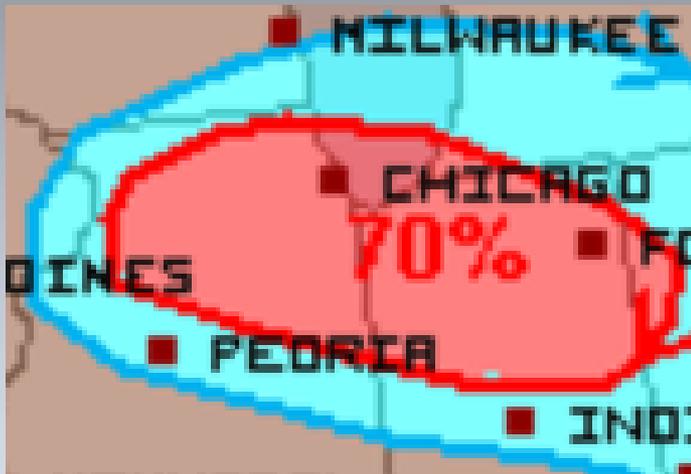
4 PM

12AM



**Isolated to Scattered Storms
Isolated Large Hail Threat**

Highest Severe Storm Potential

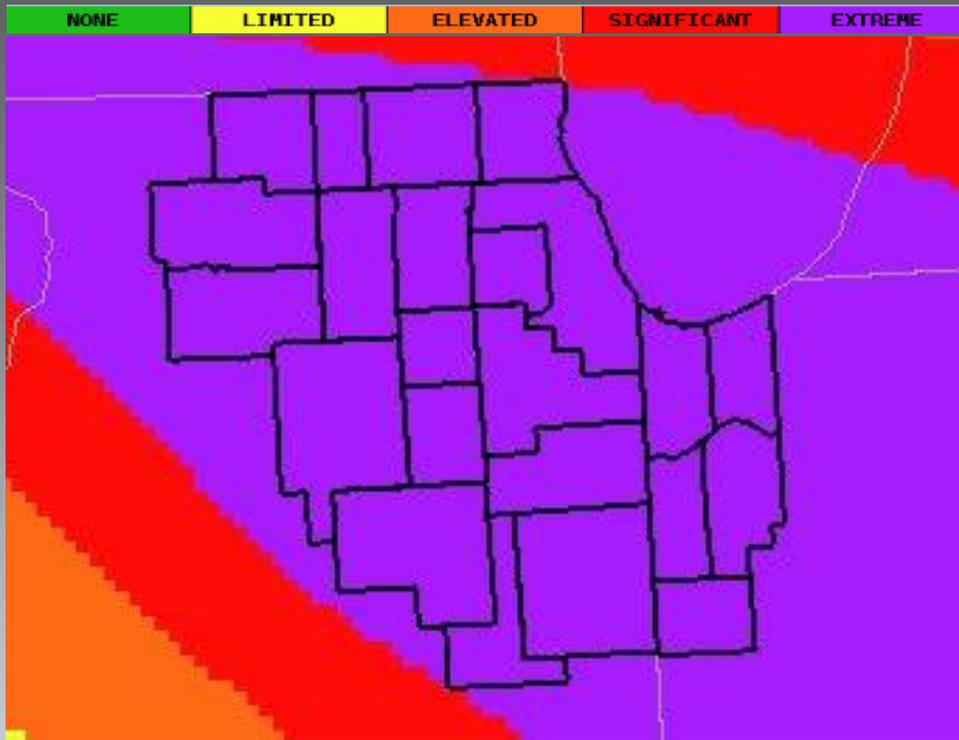


**70%+ chance of thunderstorms this evening
Outdoor events impacted**



Approximate Severe Threat Timing

Thunderstorm Wind Damage Risk



Moderate Risk for Severe Thunderstorms



Risk Level	Definition
None	No thunderstorm wind risk.
Limited	Risk for sub-severe wind gusts (less than 58 mph) or Probability of severe wind gusts (58 mph or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Less than 15%
Elevated	Probability of severe wind gusts (58 mph or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 15%
Significant	Probability of severe wind gusts (58 mph or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 30%
Extreme	Probability of severe wind gusts (58 mph or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 45%

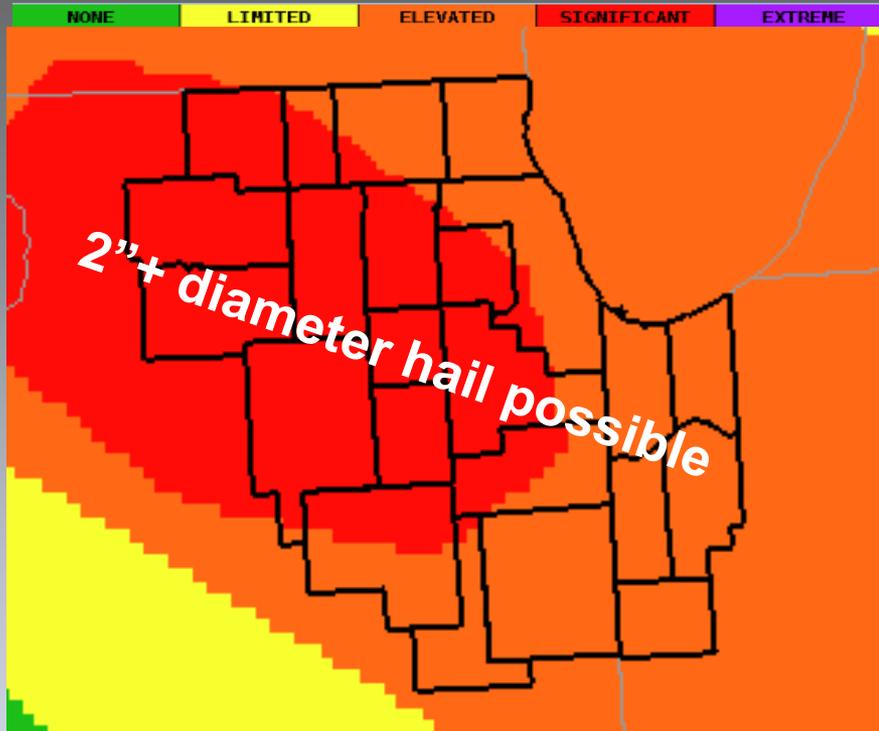
4 - MODERATE (MDT)

Widespread severe storms likely

Long-lived, widespread and intense

- Strong tornadoes
- Widespread wind damage
- Destructive hail, 2" +

HAIL



Risk Level	Definition
	None No risk of hail.
	Limited Risk of sub-severe hail (less than 1") or Probability of severe hail (1" or greater) within 25 miles of a point: less than 15%
	Elevated Probability of severe hail (1" or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 15%
	Significant Probability of severe hail (1" or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 30%
	Extreme Probability of severe hail (1" or greater) within 25 miles of a point: Equal to or greater than 45%

TORNADO



Risk Level	Definition
	None No tornado risk.
	Limited Probability of a tornado within 25 miles of a point: less than 5 percent.
	Elevated Probability of a tornado within 25 miles of a point: greater than or equal to 5 percent.
	Significant Probability of a tornado within 25 miles of a point: greater than or equal to 10 percent.
	Extreme Probability of a tornado within 25 miles of a point: greater than or equal to 30 percent.



Threat Level

Significant Tornadoes (EF2 and Greater)



Low

High

Tornadoes (Less than EF2)



Low

High

Damaging Winds (≥ 58 MPH)



Low

High

Large Hail (≥ 1 inch diameter)



Low

High

Flash Flooding



Low

High



Chicago

FLASH FLOOD WATCH

In Effect Through Wednesday Night



A Flash Flood Watch Means...

- **BE PREPARED.** Flash flooding is **possible** in the watch area.
- Check for forecast updates.
- Know which roads are most likely to flood. Identify alternate routes.
- **Know where to go if you need to head to higher ground.**
- **Have multiple ways to receive flood alerts if any are issued for your area.**



Flash Flood Watch Forecast Points

- Multiple rounds of t-storms capable of producing torrential rainfall possible Wed. AM thru Wed. night

Flash Flood Watch Potential Impacts

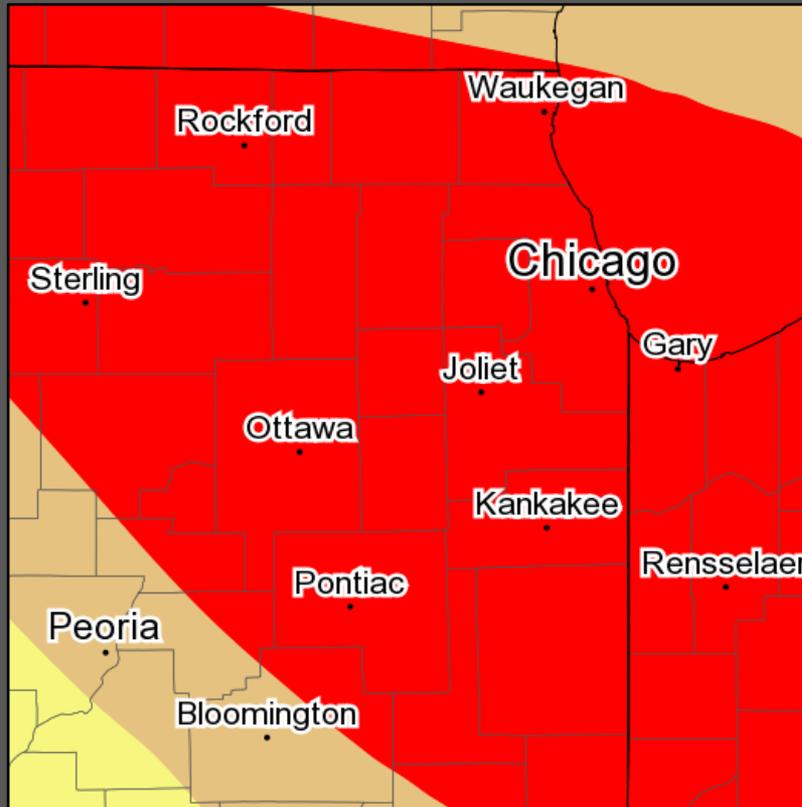
Roads may become impassable & cars may get stuck. Fast moving water may knock you off your feet & sweep cars away.

- Urge your family and friends to have their severe weather safety plan in place and know where to take shelter if necessary. Have multiple ways to receive warnings.
- Raise awareness, not panic.



ALERT: Severe Weather Likely Late This Afternoon and Evening

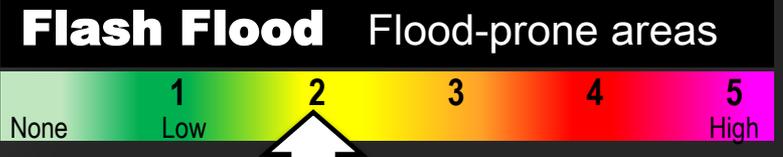
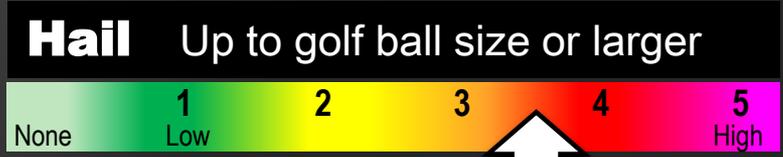
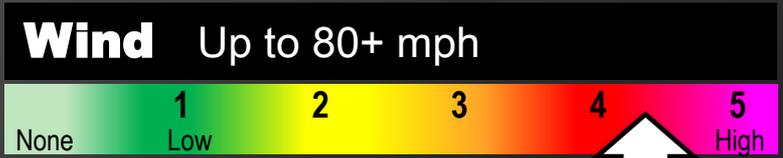
Severe Weather Risk



MODERATE RISK
Widespread severe storms likely

*Have multiple ways to receive warnings!
Have a plan. Be ready to shelter if needed.*

Potential Hazards: Threat Level



Important Note: Ingredients *could* come together for significant severe weather event. Small scale details will alter magnitude & area of greatest impacts.

When: Late afternoon & evening, significant damaging winds, tornadoes, hail all possible



Additional Information



Storm Prediction Center

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

Local Text Hazardous Weather Outlook

<http://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=NWS&issuedby=LOT&product=HWO>

Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook

<http://www.weather.gov/lot/ehwo>

NWS Severe Weather Safety Tips

<http://www.weather.gov/lot/severeprep>

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