



KOOTENAI COUNTY

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The National Weather Service of Spokane has issued a High Wind Warning for Tuesday afternoon through midnight and is predicting sustained winds from 35 to 45 MPH with gusts as high as 70 to 80 MPH.

Minor snowfall of 1 to 2 inches is expected Monday night into Tuesday morning. Temperatures are expected to warm up Tuesday morning. Very high, damaging winds will develop Tuesday afternoon. Winds will be out of the Southwest 35 to 45 MPH, with gusts up to 70 to 80 MPH. Dust storms are possible in the Moses Lake and Ritzville areas.

Damages are expected to include downed trees and power lines which may lead to power outages. May also cause roof and fence damage. Take time to secure loose objects that may become airborne. Driving may be difficult especially for high profile vehicles.

With the winter storm season upon us, everyone should be prepared. Make sure that you have a 72-hour preparedness kit at home and one in your vehicle. This kit should include items such as food, water, first aid kit, flashlights and batteries, a battery powered radio, warm clothing including hats, gloves, and boots, and blankets. Be sure to remember those in your family with special needs such as infants (diapers, formula, etc.) and the elderly or disabled. Include extra money and medication that your family may need. Remember to also provide for your pets and bring them indoors during cold temperatures. Consider safe alternate sources of heat and lights. For more information on winter storms or what to include in your emergency preparedness kit go to <http://oem.kcgov.us>.

If there are family, friends or neighbors who are elderly, disabled or need your help, include them in your preparedness plans.

Plan to keep your gas tank as full as possible – always work off the top half. If you need to travel, use caution. Call 511 to get information on the most recent road conditions.

Stay informed by listening to your radio or television for detailed emergency information.

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