



## Prepare for High Winds Today

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Environment Canada is calling for strong westerly winds of 60 to 70 km per hour late this afternoon that may last until midnight.

Businesses, residents, and contractors on building sites should secure materials that could become airborne such as garbage cans, retractable canopies, ladders, hoardings, building materials, patio furniture, and awnings.

As we enter wet, windier months, the likelihood of power outages due to fallen trees or high winds is higher. Residents should be prepared and have flashlights, blankets, a portable radio and spare batteries on hand in case of power outage, and should avoid parking vehicles under trees or hydro wires if possible. Candles should not be left unattended and barbecues should only be used outdoors only for emergency cooking and water heating.

Residents are encouraged to trim dead or damaged tree branches to reduce the danger of these falling onto homes and vehicles during a storm.

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