



High Winds Expected

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Environment Canada has issued a warning that winds, potentially to 90 KM/H are expected to develop in the Victoria area today.

Businesses, residents, and contractors on building sites, should prepare for high winds by securing materials that could become airborne such as garbage cans, retractable canopies, ladders, hoarding, building materials, patio furniture, and awnings.

There is also a likelihood of power outages due to fallen trees or high winds. 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 barbeques should only be used outdoors only for emergency cooking and water heating.

Information on power outages can be obtained at <http://www.bchydro.com/outages/orsMain.jsp> or by calling BC Hydro at 1.888.769.3766

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