



SEVERE THUNDERSTORM RISK TODAY

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Very Fast Storms (60+ mph!) = **VERY LITTLE TIME TO REACT!!!**

Key Messages

- Line of severe storms are likely **Today 6 PM to 12 AM**

Primary Threats



Damaging winds 60-80+ mph
Capable of structural damage & downing trees



Embedded Tornadoes

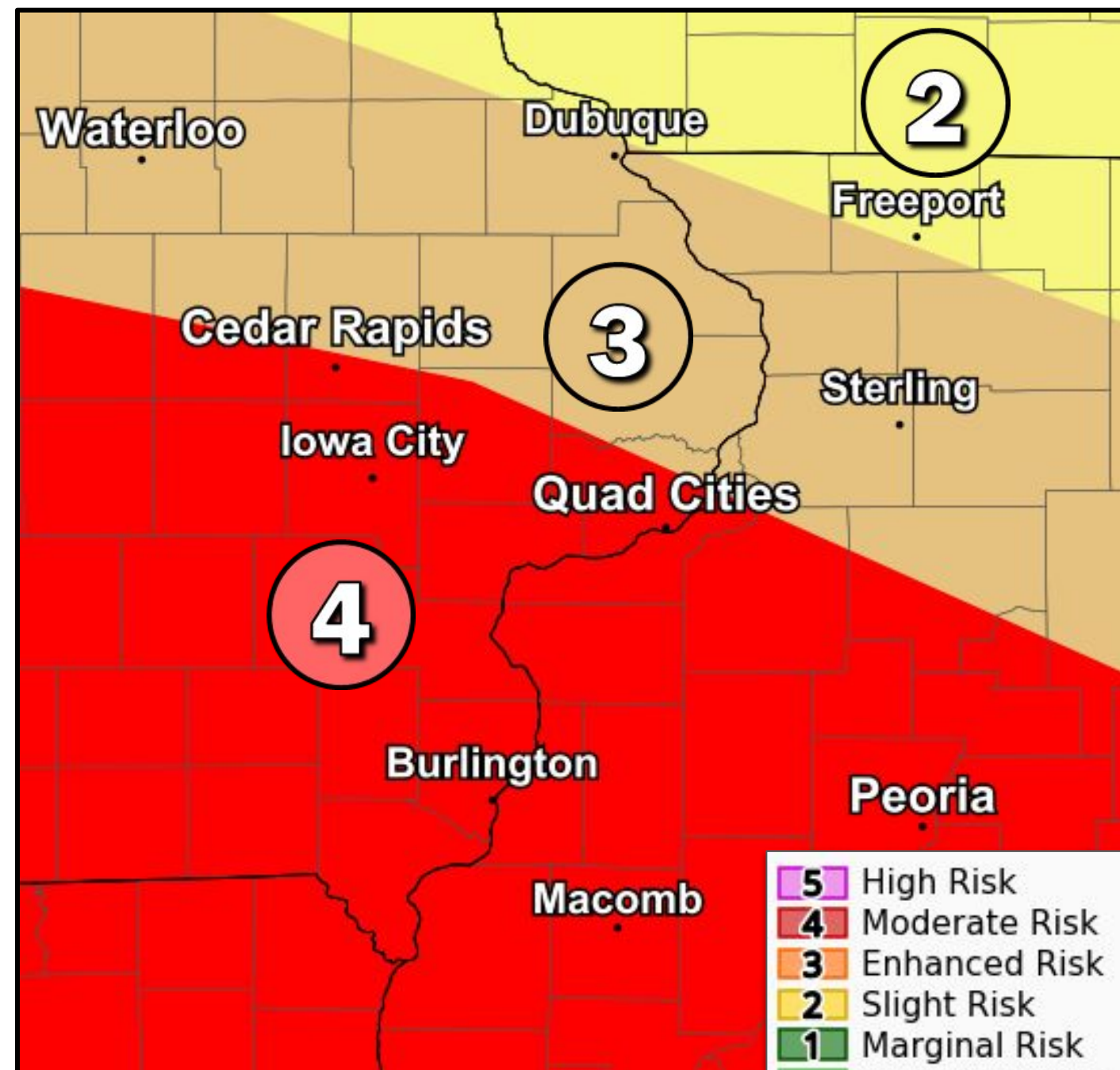
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What Has Changed

- Moderate Risk (level 4/5) has expanded farther north and west
- Red Flag Warning now in effect area-wide

Next Scheduled Update

- Friday Afternoon



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Be Weather Aware!



Damaging Winds

Capable of structural damage & downing trees

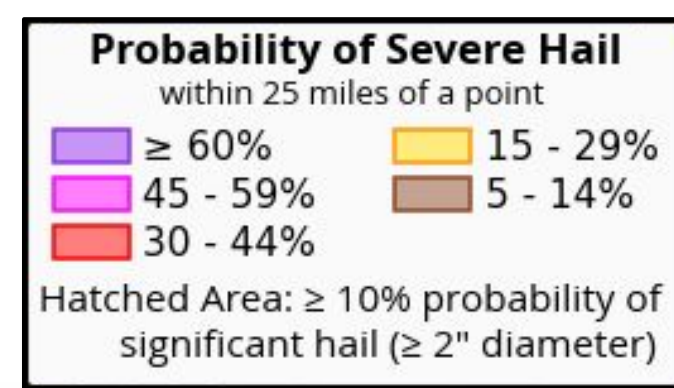
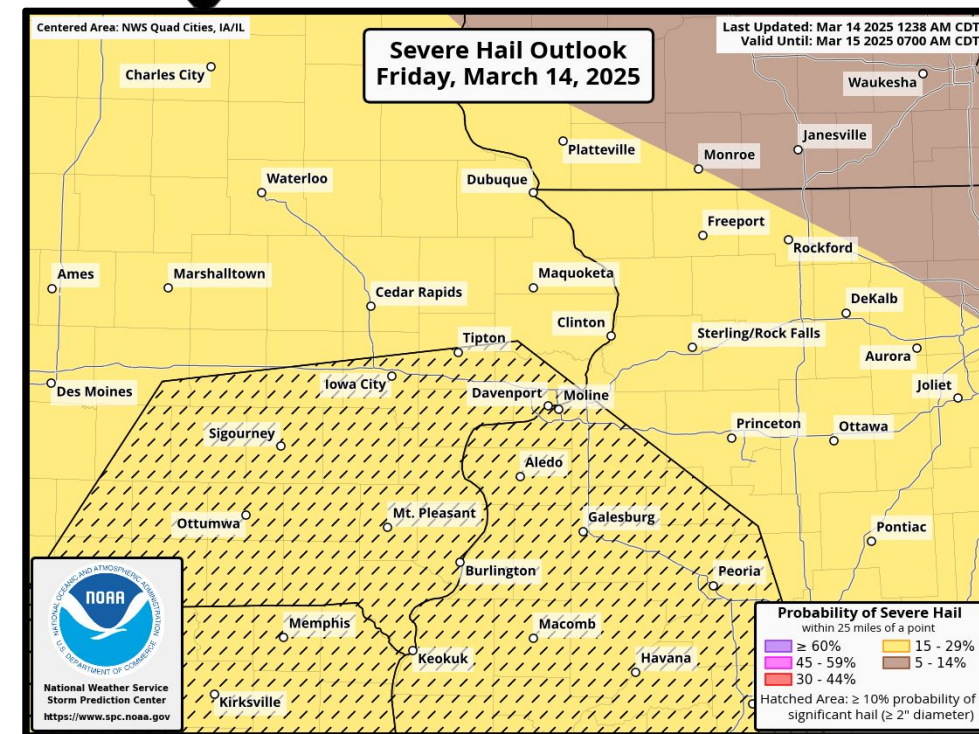
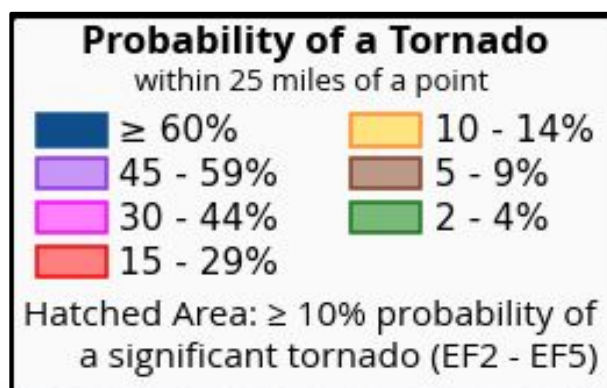
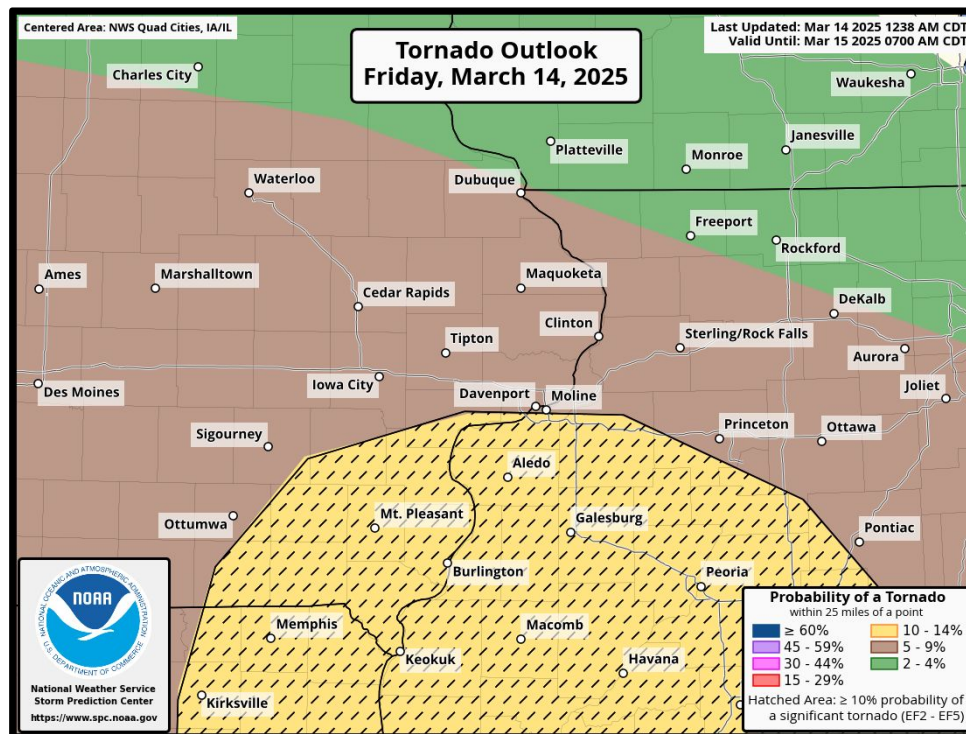
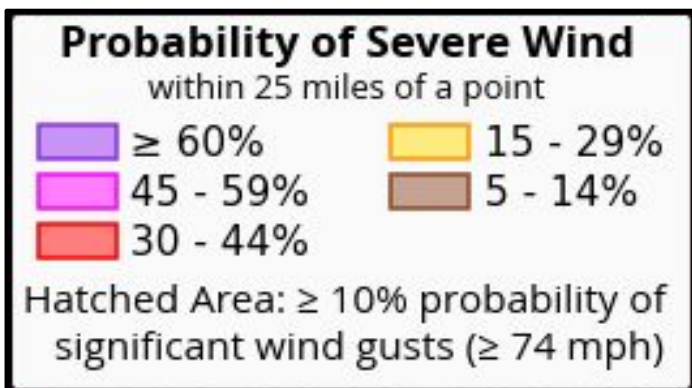
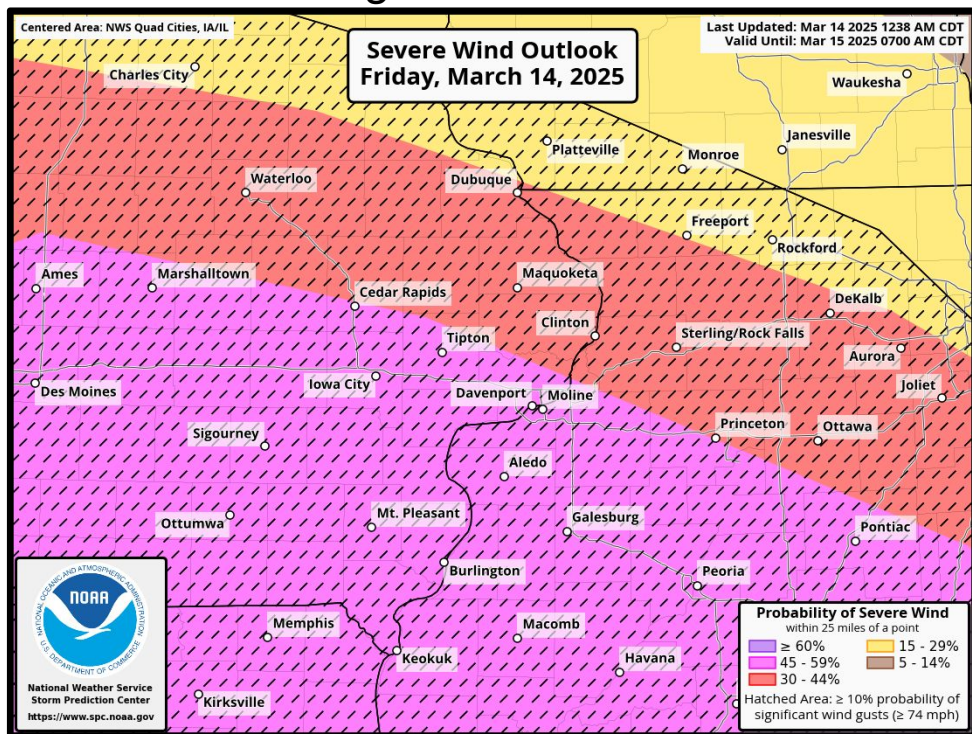


Tornadoes



Damaging Hail

Capable of denting cars



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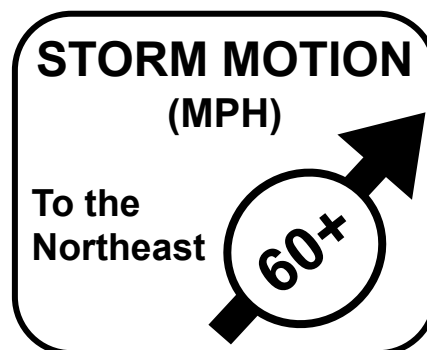


Approximate Severe Timing This Evening

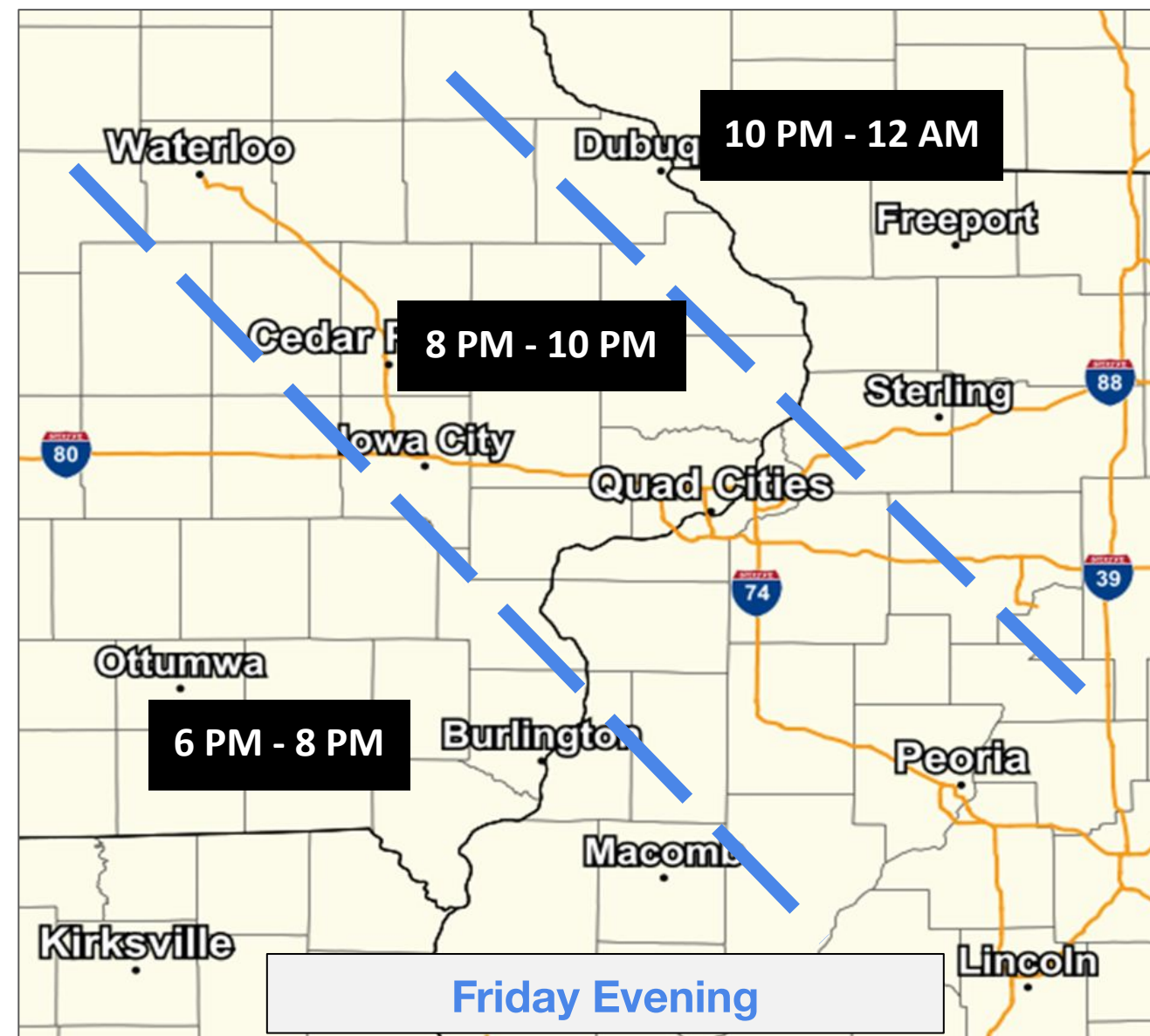
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Details

- Storms moving at **highway speeds (60+ mph)**
- **Much less time than normal to react as storms approach!**
- The strongest part of these storms will impact any one area for less than 30 minutes
- Strong non-thunderstorm winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to 50 mph will persist behind the storms overnight Friday night into Saturday.



Severe Timing





Wind Advisory Friday 1 PM to Saturday 1 AM

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****NEW** Red Flag Warning** in effect from Friday 1 PM to 8 PM area-wide!

What to Expect



Very Strong Southeast Winds

→ **Gusts of 45 to 55 MPH!**



High Risk of Fire Spread

Any dry grass/brush fires that ignite will have the potential to quickly spread out of control

Actions



Secure Outdoor Items



Drive Carefully
Especially High-Profile Vehicles



Avoid Burning



Use Caution with Heavy Equipment



Fully Extinguish Cigarettes and Dispose Them Properly



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Very High Risk For Fire Spread Throughout The Area!

Gusty South Winds
Warm Temperatures
Dry Conditions
Abundant Dry Grasses & Brush

**Red Flag
Warning**



WHAT TO AVOID



AVOID BURNING



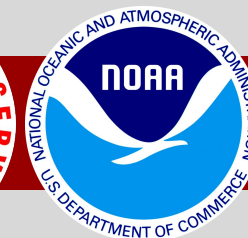
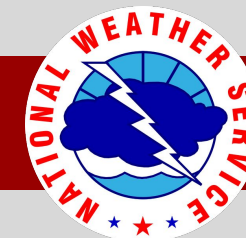
USE EXTRA CAUTION WITH HEAVY
EQUIPMENT



DO NOT CARELESSLY DISCARD
CIGARETTES!

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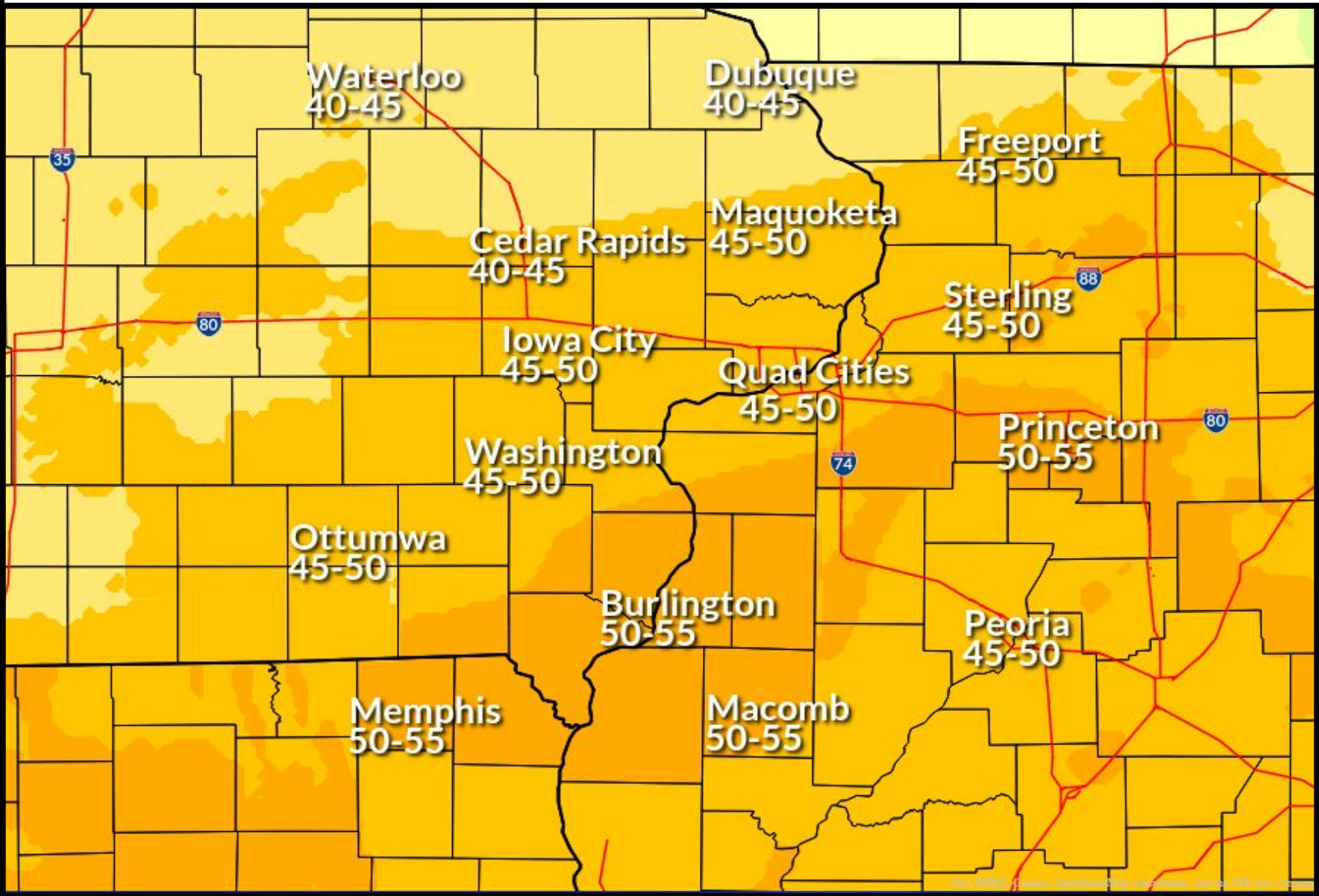


Forecast Peak Gusts Today

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Low Humidity, Strong Winds, and Warm Temperatures Expected Before Storms Arrive

Pre-Storm Forecast Maximum Wind Gusts Today



DRIVING DURING STRONG WINDS

-  Maintain a safe distance from high-profile vehicles
-  Look out for fallen/falling trees, powerlines, or debris
-  Keep a firm grip on the wheel with both hands
-  Use caution on bridges and overpasses


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Everyday Wildfire Prevention

 Most wildfires are caused by humans — many everyday things can create sparks. Keep ignition sources far away from dry vegetation, wood, and other fuel.

-  Have a clear 10 foot radius around campfires, burning brush, etc. Never leave fires unattended, and always properly extinguish.
-  Maintain vehicle brakes & tires, and secure tow chains to avoid dragging. Don't drive on dry grass or brush.
-  Use grills/smokers on gravel or paved surfaces.
-  Water your lawn & keep grass cut. Mow lawn early in the morning and when it's not windy or excessively dry.
-  Never toss lit cigarettes on the ground. Put ashes in a metal container with a tight lid.
-  Keep water stored near campfires, fire pits, grills, smokers, burning brush, etc.

Always follow burn bans & regulations.
Be aware of weather conditions. Low humidity, heat, drought and winds are conducive to fires.

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Severe Weather Reminders

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Be Weather Ready!



Safety Checklist



Multiple ways to receive weather alerts.
- WEA, weather radio, cell phone app, etc.



Know where you are on a map.
- Your home & work location.



Have a Safety Plan.
- Everyone knows where to go & what to do.



Have an Emergency Kit
- In your safe place or readily available.



Know where your safe place is.
- Home, community shelter, friend's house, etc.

STORM PLANNING TIMELINE

A few days out

If the forecast calls for severe weather in a few days, start preparing now.



Make sure that you have emergency supplies



Know your safe places



Have a family communication plan

The day before

The day before, forecast accuracy continues to improve.



Adjust plans



Make sure your phone can receive WEAs



Ensure your shelter is clean and accessible

The day of

Remain vigilant and aware of any active Watches. A Warning may be issued at a moment's notice!



Remind your family of the communication plan



Know how to evacuate and/or get to safety from wherever you are



When a Warning is issued, you may only have seconds to take action!

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