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ILLINOIS, Northeast

LA SALLE COUNTY --- 4.0 NW OTTAWA [41.38, -88.91]

	05/04/26 18:04 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 53 kt)
	05/04/26 18:04 CST	0	Source: Mesonet

A wind gust to 61 mph was measured in Wallace township.

GRUNDY COUNTY --- 2.1 N MAZON [41.27, -88.42]

	05/04/26 18:32 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 51 kt)
	05/04/26 18:32 CST	0	Source: Public

A personal weather station measured a wind gust to 59 mph.

Scattered thunderstorms moved across parts of northern Illinois during the late afternoon and evening of May 4th producing isolated severe wind gusts.

LA SALLE COUNTY --- 0.4 NE RUTLAND [40.98, -89.04]

	05/16/26 04:42 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/16/26 04:42 CST	0	Source: NWS Employee

A large healthy tree was blown down in a park.

Scattered thunderstorms moved across parts of central Illinois during the early morning of May 16th producing isolated wind damage.

FORD COUNTY --- 3.8 S PERDUEVILLE [40.41, -88.19], 3.0 SW PAXTON AIRPORT [40.42, -88.17]

	05/18/26 09:25 CST	0	Tornado (EF0, L: 1.03 mi , W: 80 yd)
	05/18/26 09:26 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

A brief tornado with estimated peak winds of 85 mph touched down northeast of the intersection of County Road E 100N and County Road N 1400E. The tornado moved across fields and then just west of County Road 1500 E, the tornado lifted an outbuilding off a cinderblock foundation and dropped it several feet away where it was destroyed. Windows on a nearby home were broken, possibly by debris from the outbuilding. The top of an evergreen tree had some missing tree limbs. Several utility poles were broken along County Road 1500 E and then tornado lifted in a field.

KANE COUNTY --- 1.7 SE AURORA [41.74, -88.30]

	05/18/26 09:35 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:35 CST	0	Source: Public

A large tree limb was blown down blocking a street near East Aurora High School.

KANKAKEE COUNTY --- 0.6 ESE WEST KANKAKEE [41.12, -87.88], 0.8 ENE KANKAKEE [41.12, -87.85]

	05/18/26 09:45 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:47 CST	0	Source: Emergency Manager

Widely scattered broken tree limbs were reported in and near Kankakee.

COOK COUNTY --- 0.5 W HOMEWOOD [41.56, -87.66]

	05/18/26 09:55 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:55 CST	0	Source: Trained Spotter

Tree limbs 3 to 4 inches in diameter were blown down.

KANKAKEE COUNTY --- (IKK) GREATER KANKAKEE AIRPORT [41.07, -87.85]

	05/18/26 09:55 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:55 CST	0	Source: AWOS

COOK COUNTY --- 0.7 E SUMMIT [41.79, -87.80]

	05/18/26 09:58 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:58 CST	0	Source: 911 Call Center

A power line was blown down near 56th Street and South Sayre Avenue.

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COOK COUNTY --- 1.1 S FOREST VIEW [41.79, -87.79]				
	05/18/26 09:58 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:58 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A broken tree limb fell onto a car near 54th Street and South Normandy Avenue.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.8 N MT GREENWOOD [41.70, -87.70]				
	05/18/26 09:59 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 09:59 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A broken tree or tree limb was blocking the southbound lane of Troy Street near 106th Street.				
COOK COUNTY --- (MDW) CHICAGO MIDWAY AIRPORT [41.78, -87.75]				
	05/18/26 10:01 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 69 kt)
	05/18/26 10:01 CST		0	Source: ASOS
COOK COUNTY --- 0.5 W ELSDON [41.80, -87.73]				
	05/18/26 10:02 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 55 kt)
	05/18/26 10:02 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A tree or tree limb was blown down blocking Tripp Avenue and 52nd Street.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.7 N ROSELAND [41.72, -87.62]				
	05/18/26 10:03 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:03 CST		0	Source: Public
A few tree limbs were broken in Roseland.				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.3 ENE TRUMBULL PARK [41.71, -87.54]				
	05/18/26 10:07 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:07 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A large tree limb was blown down near 103rd Street and Avenue L.				
COOK COUNTY --- SOUTH CHICAGO [41.74, -87.55]				
	05/18/26 10:07 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:07 CST		0	Source: Public
A few tree limbs were broken in South Chicago.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.3 NNE WEST TOWN [41.89, -87.67]				
	05/18/26 10:09 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:09 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A tree limb was blown down onto the roadway near Erie Street and Ashland Avenue.				
COOK COUNTY --- 1.1 ENE NEAR WEST SIDE [41.88, -87.65]				
	05/18/26 10:09 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:09 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A power line was blown down near Jackson Boulevard and Morgan Street.				
COOK COUNTY --- 0.6 NE LAKEVIEW [41.95, -87.65]				
	05/18/26 10:14 CST		0	Thunderstorm Wind (EG 50 kt)
	05/18/26 10:14 CST		0	Source: 911 Call Center
A tree or tree limb was blocking the roadway near Cornelia Avenue and Fremont Street.				

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(IL-Z014) COOK				
	05/28/26 14:00 CST	1	0	High Surf
	05/28/26 14:00 CST		0	

Direct Fatalities: M32IW

Northerly winds gusting as high as 30 mph produced high waves on May 28th. The Wilmette buoy reported 3 to 4 foot waves when a 32 year old man was found unresponsive in Lake Michigan near Diversey Harbor. He was taken to a local hospital where he died.

INDIANA, Northwest

LAKE COUNTY --- (GYY) GARY AIRPORT [41.62, -87.42]			
05/18/26 10:13 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)	
05/18/26 10:13 CST	0	Source: AWOS	
LAKE COUNTY --- 0.6 S HOBART [41.52, -87.25]			
05/18/26 10:21 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 56 kt)	
05/18/26 10:21 CST	0	Source: Public	

A personal weather station measured a wind gust to 65 mph near Linda Street and 10th Street.

PORTER COUNTY --- 0.7 S BEATRICE [41.42, -87.19]			
05/18/26 10:29 CST	0	Hail (1.00 in)	
05/18/26 10:30 CST	0	Source: Public	
PORTER COUNTY --- 1.4 N KOUTS [41.34, -87.03]			
05/18/26 10:40 CST	0	Thunderstorm Wind (MG 52 kt)	
05/18/26 10:40 CST	0	Source: Public	

A personal weather station measured a wind gust to 60 mph.

A line of strong to severe thunderstorms moved across northwest Indiana during the late morning and early afternoon of May 18th producing scattered severe wind gusts and isolated large hail.

LAKE MICHIGAN

BURNS HARBOR TO MICHIGAN CITY IN COUNTY --- MICHIGAN CITY HARBOR [41.72, -86.92]			
05/04/26 17:24 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)	
05/04/26 17:28 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station	

Scattered thunderstorms moved across parts of southern Lake Michigan during the late afternoon and evening of May 4th producing isolated severe wind gusts.

WILMETTE HARBOR TO NORTHERLY ISLAND IL COUNTY --- HARRISON-DEVER CRIB [41.92, -87.57]			
05/18/26 10:14 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 50 kt)	
05/18/26 10:16 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station	
WILMETTE HARBOR TO NORTHERLY ISLAND IL COUNTY --- 0.8 NE MONTROSE HARBOR [41.97, -87.63]			
05/18/26 10:15 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 45 kt)	
05/18/26 10:15 CST	0	Source: Mesonet	

A wind gust to 45 knots was measured at the Montrose Harbor Light.

BURNS HARBOR TO MICHIGAN CITY IN COUNTY --- MICHIGAN CITY HARBOR [41.72, -86.92]			
05/18/26 10:44 CST	0	Marine Thunderstorm Wind (MG 54 kt)	
05/18/26 10:48 CST	0	Source: C-MAN Station	

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