



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NONE REPORTED.

MARYLAND, Central

Frederick County

Woodsboro to
Rocky Ridge

23	1625EST 1635EST				0	0			Thunderstorm Wind
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A severe thunderstorm tracked through Frederick Co from southwest to northeast, knocking down numerous trees and cutting power to approximately 3000 customers.

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Frederick - Carroll - Northern Baltimore - Montgomery - Howard - Southern Baltimore - Anne Arundel

23	2000EST 2300EST				0	0	100K		High Wind
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Gusty gradient winds associated with a vigorous cold front caused numerous power outages across north central Maryland during the evening of the 23rd. Baltimore Gas and Electric reported over 30,500 customers without power - a combination of minor damage from early (daytime) gusty winds ahead of the cold front and more substantial damage associated with the front. The largest outages were clustered in Annapolis (MDZ014, 8100 customers); Baltimore City/Glen Burnie (MDZ011/14; 11,500 customers) and Howard Co (MDZ010; 4256 customers).

VIRGINIA, North

Fauquier County

North

01	1645EST 1845EST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Moderate to heavy rainfall on saturated soil caused minor flash flooding, closing numerous roads in northern Fauquier Co. Several streams and creeks were reported out of their banks.

VAZ030

Warren

03	0900EST 1200EST				0	1	15K		River Flooding
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The swollen Shenandoah River took a vehicle, and nearly a life, when a driver attempted to cross a low-water bridge near Linden. Although the gaging point at Front Royal was nearly 6 feet below flood stage, the level reached it's monthly peak the prior evening.

Fauquier County

6 S Warrenton

23	1620EST				0	0	30K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Thunderstorm winds blew siding off of 6 homes in a residential neighborhood south of Warrenton. One home had siding stripped up the entire length of it's chimney.

VAZ042-053

Loudoun - Fairfax

23	2000EST 2200EST				0	0	25K		High Wind (G69)
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A wind gust of 80 mph was reported at Bluemont as a vigorous cold front swept through the Virginia piedmont. Wind gusts progressed eastward through the county and into Fairfax County, causing scattered power outages. In Fairfax Co, the high winds caused 4000 customers to temporarily lose power.

Clarke County

All

25 28	1100EST 2300EST				0	0	750K		Wild/Forest Fire
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Prolonged dry weather, combined with several breezy days in March and April, set the stage for scattered wildfires across portions of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. A particularly active period occurred late on the 23rd, when persistent high winds buffeted the area, initially ahead of a strong cold front and moreso behind the front.

Fires may have ensued early on the 24th, and were full-blown on the 25th. Countywide, a total of 760 acres burned in three separate fires. Two large fires occurred on the 25th and 28th, respectively.

Nelson County

All

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VIRGINIA, North

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The fires likely began early on the 24th, and reached their maximum intensity between the 25th and 28th. In Clarke Co, 760 acres burned, with one fire on the 25th and another on the 28th producing the majority of damage.

Nelson County

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VAZ028

Frederick									
	29	1145EST 1215EST			0	0	25K	High Wind	

High winds tore through Winchester during the early afternoon of the 29th, cutting power to 2400 Potomac Edison customers by knocking large limbs onto power lines.

WEST VIRGINIA, East

WVZ054

Pendleton									
	30	0330EST 0430EST			0	0	30K	High Wind	

High winds, associated with a strong cold front, caused numerous power outages across much of Pendleton Co during the early morning of April 30.