



National Weather Service

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August 1996

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NONE REPORTED.

MARYLAND, Central

Frederick County

Frederick	16	1342EST 1357EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Skywarn and county emergency management officials reported 3/4 inch diameter hail at different times in Frederick.

Montgomery County

Bethesda	16	1455EST			0	0			Hail (0.88)
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Nickel-sized hail was reported at the junction of the interstate 270 spur and the Capital Beltway (interstate 495).

Prince George'S County

Bowie	16	1550EST 1552EST			0	0	75K		Thunderstorm Wind (G61)
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A wet microburst knocked down over 100 trees, several power lines, and caused minor structural damage along a 1 3/4 mile, 300-yard wide path through a commercial/residential section of Bowie. Hail averaging the size of quarters (1 inch diameter) piled up between 1 and 2 inches deep at several residences prior to and during the microburst.

The damage began along Annapolis Road (state route 450) and tracked southeast through the Buckingham and Somerset residential sections before dissipating just west of state route 3. At the Market Place Mall (on Annapolis Road), a small portion of roof was lifted off, causing some rain and hail to filter into a hair salon. Water damage was minimal. An awning surrounding a tire center was blown off, and a small portion of the mall's cinema placard was stripped.

The storm continued through the subdivisions, knocking down a combination of white pine, white poplar, and Bradford Pear trees. Sturdy hardwood (e.g. oak) trees were untouched. Several trees fell onto or into homes in the area, but the majority fell on yards. One of the fallen trees punched a hole through a single family home. Two trees fell onto vehicles, temporarily trapping the drivers. No injuries were reported; approximately 5000 Potomac Electric Power Co. customers lost electricity.

Anne Arundel County

Countywide	16	1600EST 1615EST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Several trees and large limbs were knocked down in Anne Arundel Co from a pulse-severe thunderstorm. The same storm dumped 3/4 inch diameter hail for approximately 15 minutes in the Rose Haven subdivision near the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

St. Mary'S County

St Marys City	16	1715EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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The emergency operations center reported 3/4 inch diameter hail in St Mary's City.

Howard County

2 W Columbia	27	1345EST			0	0	1K		Hail (1.00)
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Quarter-sized hail was reported by county emergency officials just west of Columbia.

Howard County

3 N Columbia to 2.5 N Columbia	27	1350EST	0.5	50	0	0	15K		Tornado (F0)
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A small, short-lived tornado caused minor damage to subdivisions along Frederick Road (state route 144) north of Columbia. Four trees were knocked down, including two onto a home, along Pine Bluffs Drive. A large limb fell at the intersection of Font Hill and Carrington Drive(s).

Prince George'S County

Ft Washington	27	1515EST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Three-quarter inch diameter hail was reported.

Charles County

3 E La Plata	27	1550EST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind
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A wet microburst uprooted or snapped 10 large trees at a rural residence 3 miles east of La Plata. No structural damage was reported at the home.



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VIRGINIA, North

King George County East Portion

16	1700EST 1715EST				0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind
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The county emergency operations center reported numerous trees/large limbs were knocked down in the eastern portion of King George Co.

Loudoun County Middleburg

23	1900EST 1930EST				0	0	10K		Lightning
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A few houses were struck by lightning, incurring only minor damage. Some trees and branches were also struck, as were a few power lines. Minor street flooding was also reported.

Nelson County Afton Mountain

24	1315EST				0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind
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Some trees were knocked down at Afton Mountain.

Rockingham County Sw Portion

26 27	2100EST 0200EST				0	0	25K		Flash Flood
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Persistent thunderstorms, containing torrential rainfall, caused widespread flash flooding over southwestern Rockingham Co during the overnight hours on the 26th. Measured rainfall of 6.8 inches (at federal highway 33 and Briery Branch) flooded numerous homes and washed out portions of several area roadways, including a small asphalt patch along highway 33. Seven local roads were closed, and a farm reported a few poultry drownings.

Page County Central Portion

27	1500EST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Sections of federal highway 340 were flooded.

WEST VIRGINIA, East

Berkeley County S Portion

02	2030EST 2200EST				0	0	20K		Flash Flood
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Slow-moving torrential rain producing thunderstorms caused several instances of flash flooding in southern Berkeley Co. One home was partially under water; numerous roads were flooded, several streams rose out of their banks, and a few vehicles were flooded.

Pendleton County Onego

08	1745EST 1815EST				0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Torrential thunderstorm rains washed out a portion of county road 5/2. Federal highway 33 flooded when White's Creek overflowed its banks.

Grant County W Portion

08	1915EST 1945EST				0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Slow-moving thunderstorms, containing torrential rainfall, flooded western sections of Grant Co. From Mt. Storm to Gormanian, state route 55 was closed. Near the Tucker Co line, high water closed a portion of state route 93.

Mineral County New Creek to Burlington

08	1915EST 1945EST				0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Several roads were closed due to high water and flowing debris.

Mineral County Extreme N Portion

12	2145EST 2245EST				0	0	10K		Flash Flood
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Nearly 3 1/2 inches of rain fell onto saturated ground in Keyser and environs, bringing the New Creek just out of its banks. Federal highway 220 had 6 inches of water over the top; several other roads were also covered by water. A few homes were reportedly surrounded by high water along Cabin Run east of Keyser.

Hampshire County Augusta

15	2000EST				0	0			Hail (0.75)
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The local sheriff's department reported 3/4 inch diameter hail.

Hardy County Wardensville

16	1400EST				0	0			Hail (0.75)
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WEST VIRGINIA, East

The West Virginia highway department reported 3/4 inch hail near Wardensville.

**Hampshire County
Romney**

16 1700EST

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Hail (0.75)

The county communications center relayed a report of 3/4 inch diameter hail in Romney.