



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 1999

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

District Of Columbia									
Northeast Portion	12	1630EST			0	0	5K		Thunderstorm Wind

Brick wall blown over and part of roof blow off building

A strong cold front swept across the region during mid-afternoon on the 12th, accompanied by thunderstorms with damaging wind and a temperature drop of nearly 30 degrees. Washington Reagan National Airport recorded a wind gust of 41 MPH as thunderstorms moved through around 4:15 pm. The strong wind accompanying the storms was blamed for damage in northeast Washington. A brick wall was blown over and a portion of building's roof was blown off in the 11000 block of Bladensburg Road around 4:30 PM.

MARYLAND, Central

Montgomery County									
Wheaton	12	1700EST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind

Unoccupied elementary school lost its roof

Charles County									
Pisgah	12	1705EST			0	0	0.50K		Thunderstorm Wind

Tree downed in area of Stuckey Lane and Poorhouse Road

Howard County									
3 NE Columbia	12	1715EST			0	0	4K		Thunderstorm Wind

Two trees downed, two cars damaged

Charles County									
5 W Waldorf	12	1720EST			0	0	5K		Lightning

Lightning struck tree and pole starting fire, wire arching, and damaged transformer and connectors

Charles County									
Welcome	12	1730EST			0	0	0.50K		Thunderstorm Wind

Tree downed across Route 6 West and Mill Swamp Road

Charles County									
La Plata	12	1744EST			0	0	1K		Thunderstorm Wind

Tree downed onto intersection of Shining Willow Way and Washington Avenue

A strong cold front swept across the region during mid-afternoon on the 12th, accompanied by thunderstorms with damaging wind and a temperature drop of nearly 30 degrees. Washington Reagan National Airport in Arlington County recorded a wind gust of 41 MPH as thunderstorms moved through around 4:15 pm. The strong wind accompanying the storms was blamed for damage to an unoccupied elementary school in Montgomery County around 5:00 pm. The school on Horde Street in Wheaton lost its roof when the storms rolled through. A gust of around 55 MPH was reported by a spotter near Columbia in Howard County around 5:15 pm. The wind uprooted one tree and cut another tree in half in a business district of Columbia off of Route 108. The downed trees damaged two cars. Trees and branches were also reported down on Red Branch Parkway about 3 miles north of Columbia. Several trees were knocked down by the thunderstorms as they moved through Charles County. A wind anemometer on the Potomac River bridge in Charles County recorded a wind gust of 55 MPH at 5:45 pm. The winds chopped the waters on the Potomac River up to such an extent that a boat and its occupant had to be rescued at the height of the storm near Leesylvania Park. Local officials reported a tree down on Poorhouse Road in the area of Stuckey Lane near Pisgah, another across Route 6 West at Mill Swamp Road near Welcome, and two trees across the intersection of Shining Willow Way and Washington Avenue in La Plata. Lightning from the storm also struck a tree and power pole on Route 228 near Briarwood, starting a fire and resulting in arched and downed wires in the vicinity. In addition, a wind anemometer at Tall Timbers in St. Mary's County measured a wind gust of 57 MPH at 6:14 pm as the storms passed through.

VIRGINIA, North

NONE REPORTED.



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WEST VIRGINIA, East

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