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Public Information Statement

National Weather Service Boston/Norton MA

1200 PM EDT Sun Aug 9 2026

...Preliminary Results from the NWS Damage Survey for August 8th
2026 Thunderstorm Wind Event ...

Peak Wind E: 60-70 mph

Path Length: 3.30 miles

Fatalities: 0

Injuries: 0

Start Date: August 8 2026

Start Time: 5:45 PM EDT

Start Location: 0.65 mi NW West Springfield

Start Lat/Lon: 42.12/-72.65

End Date: August 8 2026

End Time: 5:55 PM EDT

End Location: 2 mi WSW Springfield

End Lat/Lon: 42.09/-72.57

A line of severe thunderstorms brought areas of tree and power line damage across Berkshire County before moving east through Hampshire and Hampden Counties. The first Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued at 441 PM for 60 mph winds. A second Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued at 543 PM for both 60 mph winds and the chance for quarter-sized hail. The severe thunderstorms produced a macroburst that began at 545 PM on Kings Highway near Prince Street in West Springfield. The storm produced numerous instances of tree and power line damage as well as minor building damage as it moved southeast. More significant damage occurred near Dwight Street Extension in Springfield, MA, at 555 PM when thunderstorm winds caused roof damage and a partial building collapse. The highest wind speeds along the damage path were estimated between 60 and 70 mph. The strong winds and macroburst then rapidly weakened near Marble Street.

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NOTE:

The information in this statement is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event and publication in NWS Storm Data.

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