Thanksgiving Coastal Storm Briefing

November 25, 2026
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For Tonight through Friday

Decision Support Briefing #4

➔ As of 6:00 AM Wednesday, November 25, 2026

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Important Updates

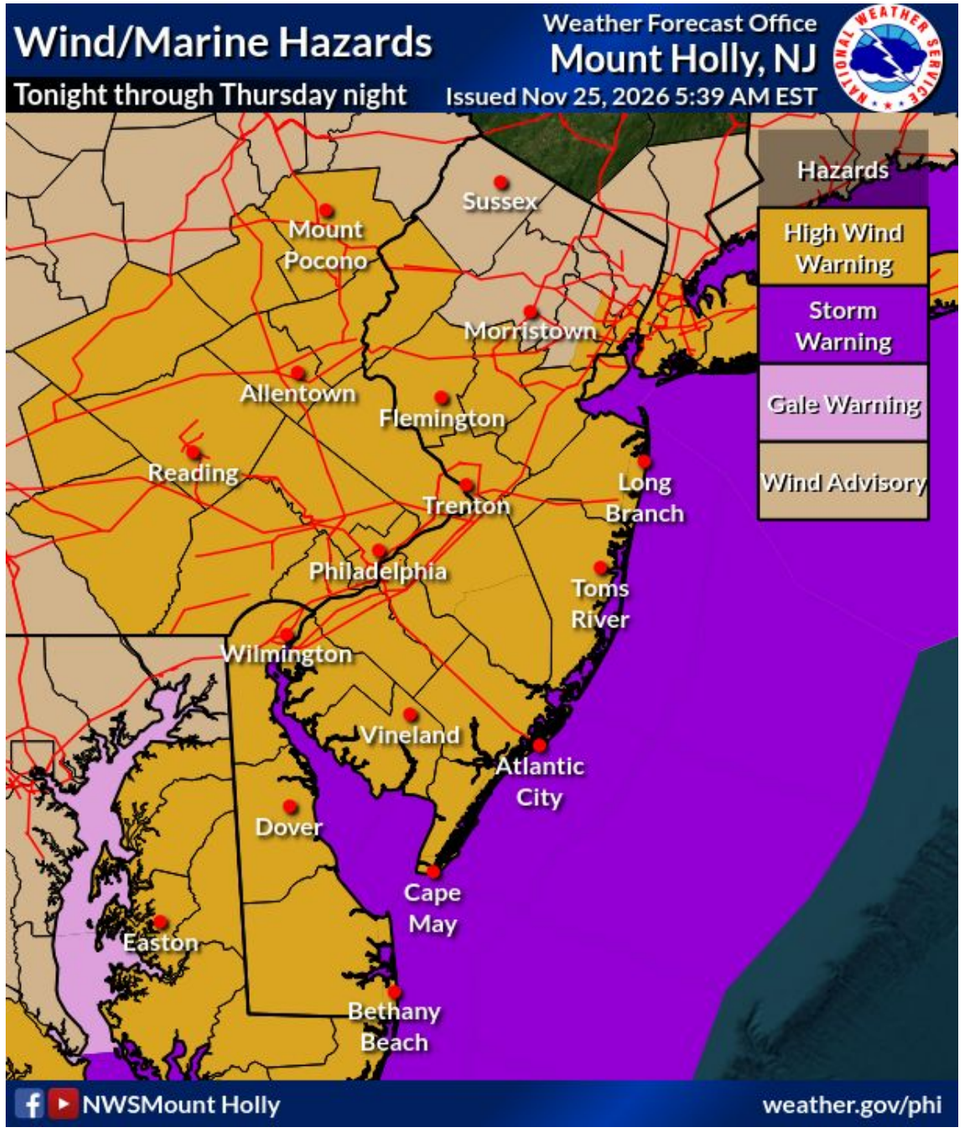
➔ **Confidence is high that a powerful coastal storm will bring severe impacts to the region during Thanksgiving Day.**

➔ High Wind Warning is now in effect for almost all of our area, with widespread gusts of 60-70 mph expected.

➔ A Wind Advisory is in effect for Sussex and Morris Counties in NJ.

➔ The forecast for tidal flood levels were increased along the Atlantic coasts of NJ and DE, and Delaware Bay.

➔ A Coastal Flood Advisory was issued for the high tides Thursday afternoon through Friday afternoon for the tidal Delaware River and Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay.



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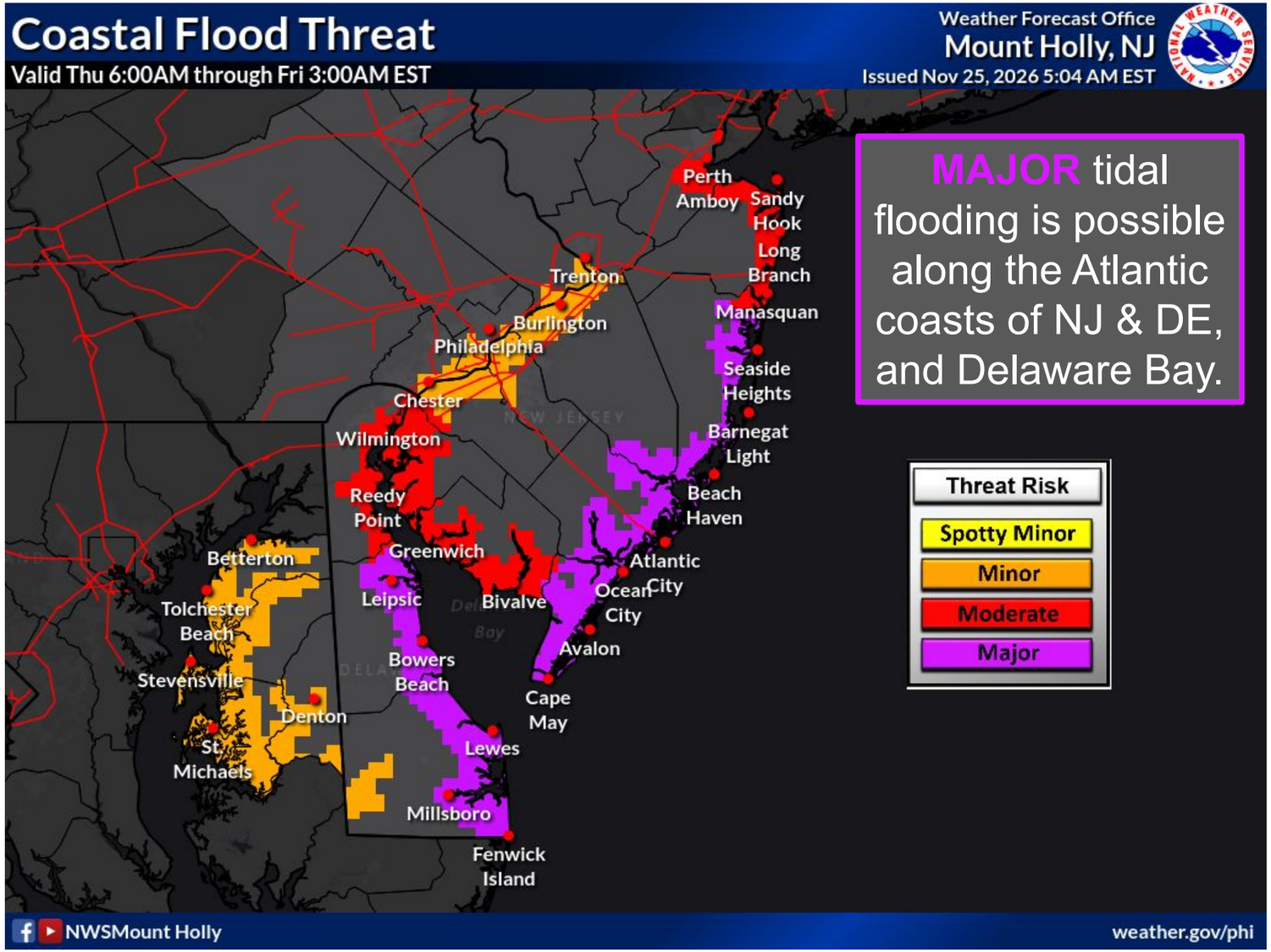
Coastal Flood Threat

Thursday

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Key Messages

- **What:** Widespread **minor** to **moderate** coastal flooding is expected. **Major** coastal flooding is expected along the portions of the Atlantic coast and Delaware Bay.
- **When:** There will be multiple impacted high tide cycles starting as early as this morning, and lasting through Friday for some areas. ***The high tide of most severe flooding is Thursday morning***, when widespread **moderate** to **major** coastal flooding is expected.
- **Impacts**: Potential for widespread roadway flooding in coastal and bayside areas, as well as damage to vulnerable structures. Some roadways will become impassable. Some locations may become isolated by the flood waters.



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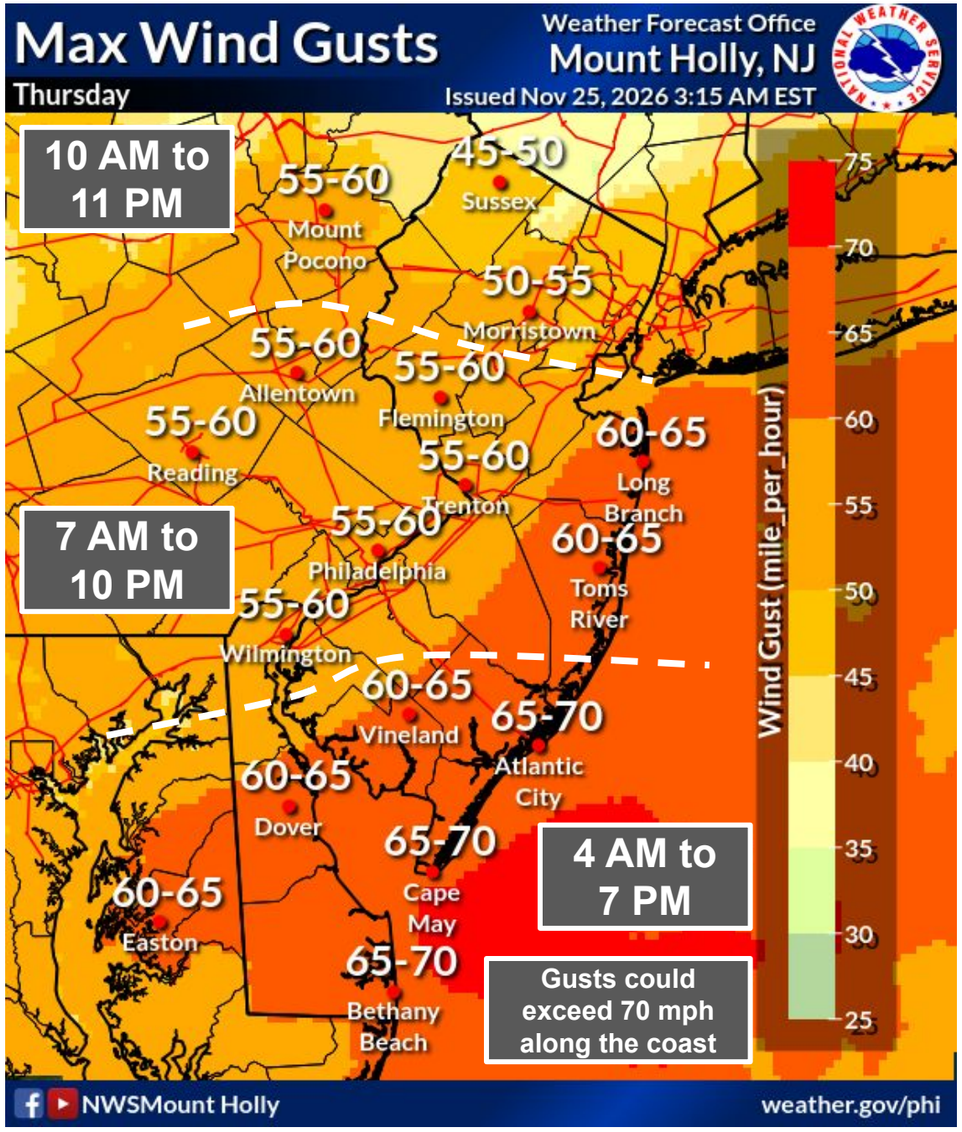
Maximum Wind Gusts

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Late Wednesday night through Thursday evening

Key Messages

- Strong east-northeast winds will increase beginning late tonight.
- The strongest, damaging winds will occur on Thursday (see time ranges on graphic). Widespread wind gusts of 50-70 mph are expected, including inland. Wind gusts along the coast may exceed 70 mph. **Damaging wind gusts may last for several hours.**
- A **High Wind Warning** is in effect for almost all of our area from late tonight through Thursday evening. A **Wind Advisory** is in effect for Sussex and Morris Counties in NJ.
- **Widespread power outages and tree damage are likely.**
- Storm force winds with gusts of 50-60 kts are forecast for all marine zones. Seas are also forecast to build to 15 to 20 feet. A **Storm Warning** is in effect for all marine zones tonight through Thursday evening.



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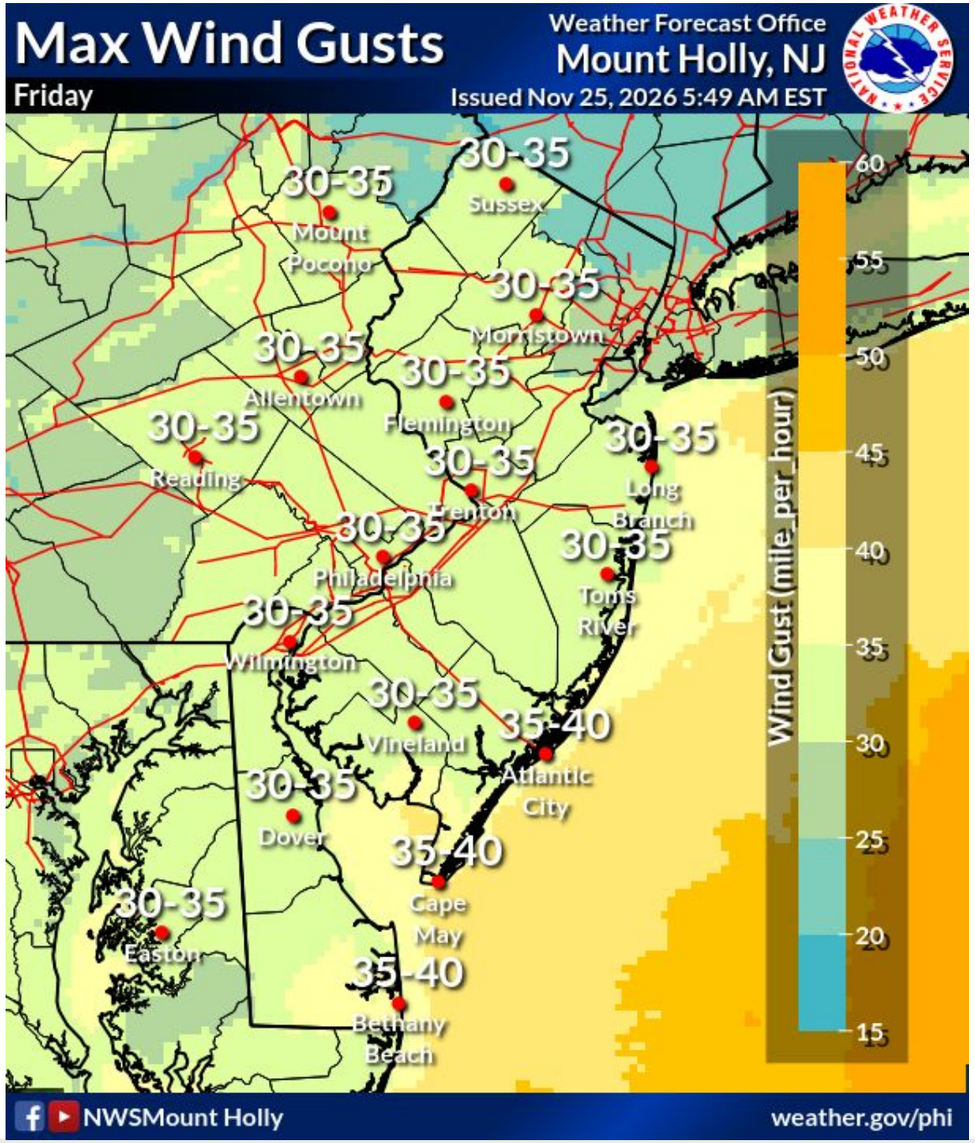
Friday

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Key Messages

- The winds will subside Thursday night, but breezy conditions are expected on Friday, with gusts up to 30-40 mph possible.

- Gale force winds are also forecast on Friday for all marine zones with seas of 8-12 feet.



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Flash Flood Threat - Thanksgiving

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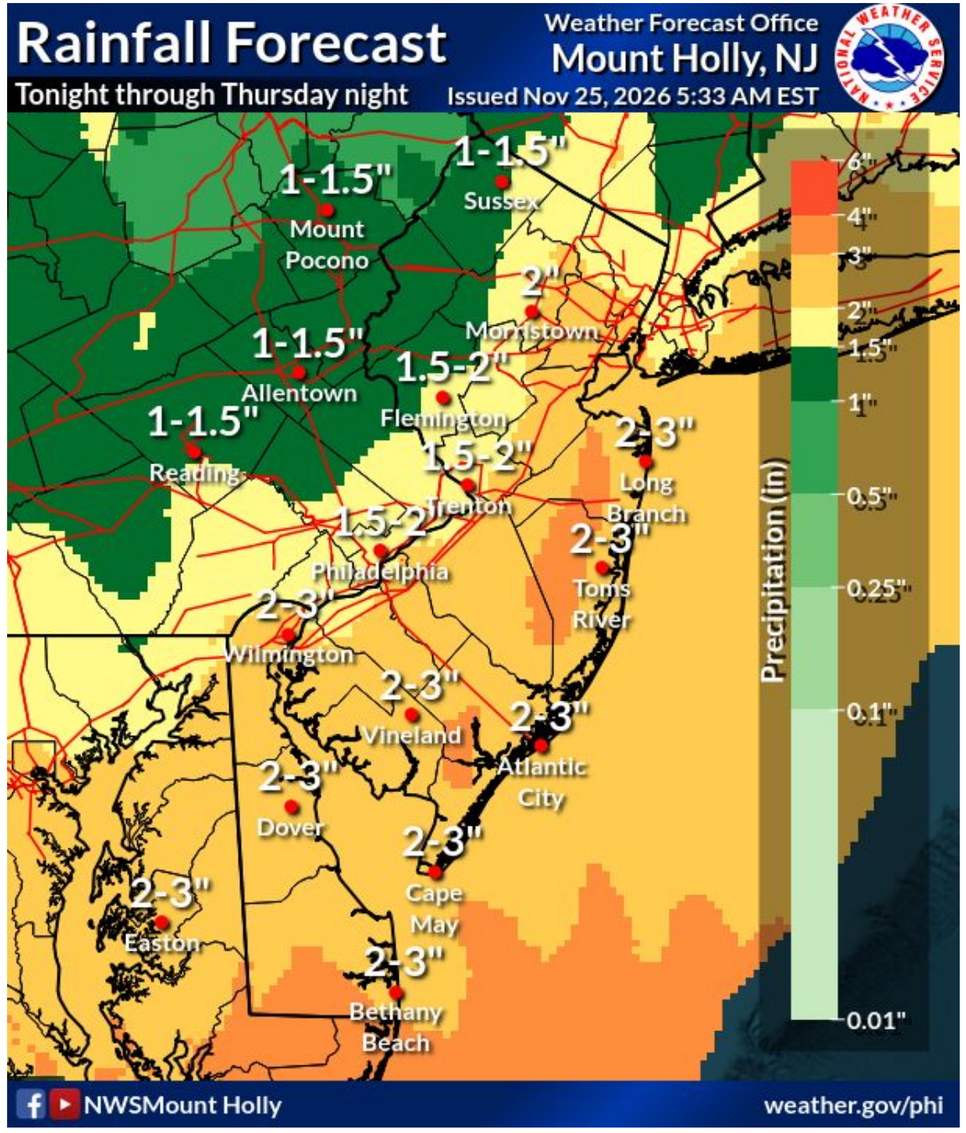
What to Expect:

Widespread rain moves through the area.
Rainfall amounts of 1-3” with localized amounts up to 4” possible near the coast.

Wednesday night through Friday morning.
Most of the rain falls Thursday into Thursday evening.

Additional Details:

- Urbanized and poor drainage flooding is possible.
- Autumn leaves clogging storm drains may exacerbate road flooding.
- Heavier rain near the time of high tide could exacerbate tidal flooding impacts.
- Saturated soils could also exacerbate wind impacts.



Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- **Multiple rounds of coastal flooding are expected beginning today and continuing through Friday** for portions of the Atlantic coast, Delaware Bay, southern Raritan Bay, the tidal Delaware River, and Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay. **Moderate to major coastal flooding is expected for Thursday morning's high tide** for the Atlantic coast of New Jersey and Delaware, and Delaware Bay. **Coastal Flood Warnings** and **Coastal Flood Advisories** are in effect for these areas.

- Strong to damaging winds are expected across all marine zones, coastal areas, and inland zones, peaking during the day Thursday. **Storm force winds are forecast** tonight through Thursday evening for all marine zones. **A High Wind Warning is in effect for almost all of our area.** Wind gusts of 50-70 mph are expected for our entire area. Gusts may exceed 70 mph along the coast. Damaging winds may last for several hours.

- Widespread rain moves in late tonight and continues through Thursday evening. Rainfall totals are forecast to be 1-3", with localized amounts up to 4" near the coast. **The heavier rain could potentially exacerbate the coastal flooding and wind impacts.**

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