

Monster 20-foot waves possible on Lake Michigan

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WEST MICHIGAN — An intense low pressure system is still projected to slam into the western Great Lakes on Wednesday night.

The main hazard with this storm will be incredibly strong winds in excess to 45 m.p.h. at times. This will cause numerous issues, including downed trees and the potential for power outages.

In addition to impacts on land, Lake Michigan will also suffer the wrath of this strong fall storm, where waves could reach as high as 20 feet offshore. A gale watch has been issued by the National Weather Service in Grand Rapids for the Lakeshore and will be in effect from Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon.



Gale watches are issued when there is an elevated risk for gale force winds of approximately 38 to 55 m.p.h.

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Impacts starting Wednesday night:

- Sustained winds near 45 m.p.h.

 - Wind gusts near 60 m.p.h.

- Waves building 12 to 18 feet by Thursday afternoon

 - Isolated waves may reach 20 feet

- Coastal flooding possible

 - Beach erosion expected

- Piers will be extremely dangerous -- stay off!