

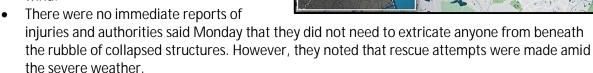
May 2, 2023

Severe Weather & Tornado Activity

• A pair of weekend tornadoes struck along the coastal Atlantic touching down on Virginia and Florida as powerful winds and heavy rains hit parts of the South.

Virginia

- The City of Virginia Beach declared a state of emergency after an EF-3 tornado moved through the area Sunday and damaged dozens of homes, downed trees and caused gas leaks.
- The weather service said the tornado was 400 yards wide, with a 4.5-mile path from the eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven River through Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story. The cyclone began and ended as an EF-1 and peaked as an EF-3 with 145 mph wind.



- The city said the number of homes damaged was estimated to be between 50 and 100, with nine homes destroyed and 36 rendered uninhabitable. Initial estimates include more than \$15 million in residential damage and \$731,000 to public properties.
- Damage assessment teams continued to survey the area on Monday as officials worked to come up with a more concrete evaluation.
- The EF-3 tornado is the first of that magnitude on record in Virginia Beach, according National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologist Eric Seymour. Two EF-2 cyclones have been observed, Seymour said, with the last in 2017.

Florida

- The South Florida community of Palm Beach Gardens is also recovering from a weekend tornado, rated an EF2, with estimated peak winds of 130 mph, by the weather service.
- Vehicles were tossed and debris strewn along roads after the tornado touched down at 5:10 p.m. Saturday. It was on the ground for about 11 minutes and carved a path of 2.61 miles, a preliminary report from the weather service said.
- No injuries were reported, but cars were flipped in a parking lot and tree limbs snapped, video from CNN affiliate WPBF showed. And there was damage along a highway in the area while roads were blocked, the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department tweeted.
- The storm left "large trees completely uprooted" and stripped of bark, along with "collapsed roofs, broken windows, and removed roofing material," the weather service.



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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request						
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes		
AL	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes	4/25/2023	Pending	5 Counties		

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters							
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline			
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	221	11/21/2022			
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	212	1/12/2023			
4697 MS	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	6 Counties	32	5/25/2023			
4701 TN	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	10 Counties	23	6/6/2023			

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