

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



d. Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD)

August 7, 2023

**Advanced Notification of Potential Weather Event
for the District of Columbia**

Monday, August 7, 2023

In anticipation of, and preparation for, the approaching inclement weather and torrential rains and heavy winds that may impact the Washington, D.C., area through this evening, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is taking proactive measures to remind all permittees and private users of the public space to ensure their respective working sites are properly secured to protect against the potential for high winds and heavy rains.

As reported, the National Weather Service is calling for severe thunderstorms this evening that have the potential of damaging wind gusts up to 70MPH. The heavy winds and rainfall will not only result in the potential for considerable flash flooding of creeks, small streams, and urban areas, but can also produce downed trees/power lines, which could result in power outages.

DDOT's Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD) is reminding all permittees with worksites within the District of Columbia to take extra safeguards to prevent any equipment, materials, or debris from being dislodged from these worksites. All contractors must secure all fences, signs, equipment, and materials (including securing and covering porta johns and roll off debris containers) at all work zones and construction sites, whether onsite or in public space as part of a traffic control plan. If necessary, these materials should be moved interior to the site or relocated out of the public space. All water-filled barriers must be filled, per DDOT standard.

Additionally, to ease the potential of flooding and ponding, work zones should remove "gutter buddies" from the storm drains and apply mesh wiring to allow the overflow of water to drain properly and to keep debris from entering the storm system. Please be mindful that for any reports received of unsafe conditions at a specific site, the Public Space Enforcement and Inspection branch (PSI) will immediately notify the permittee who will be responsible for restoring safe conditions as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this notice, please refer to the appropriate PSI management staff below:

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Any other questions, please contact DDOT's Public Space Regulation Division on (202) 442-4670 or email at crb.services@dc.gov.

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