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ComEd Prepares for Second Round of Storms Across Northern Illinois

High winds and storms expected throughout the weekend

CHICAGO (March 13, 2026) – After restoring more than 27,000 customers impacted by storms and an EF3 tornado on Tuesday, ComEd crews are hard at work monitoring and responding to outages resulting from high winds throughout northern Illinois. The current forecast calls for winds gusts in excess of 60 mph and thunderstorms and snow on Sunday. As of 6:30 AM, ComEd has restored more than 49,000 customers from today’s high winds.

Damage from Tuesday’s storm included the need to replace more than 250 wood poles, 20 miles of cable and 30 transformers. This work resulted in 99% of impacted customers restored by Thursday.

“The men and women of ComEd worked around the clock to, essentially, rebuild the grid in the highest impacted areas in two days following an EF3 tornado this week so customers were returned to service,” said [David Perez](#), **executive vice president and COO of ComEd**. “We will bring that same intensity to quickly and safely restore any impacted customers this weekend.”

ComEd has been investing in power grid upgrades and tree trimming to minimize the impact of storms. Since smart grid upgrades began in 2012, ComEd has improved overall reliability by over 75%, helping customers avoid more than 27 million customer interruptions and saving more than \$5 billion in outage-related costs. In 2025, ComEd was named the [most reliable utility in the U.S.](#)

When responding to power outages caused by storms, ComEd’s priority is to restore critical facilities such as police and fire stations, nursing homes and hospitals first, followed by repairs that will restore power to the greatest number of customers.

Public safety is paramount, and ComEd encourages customers to take the following precautions:

- If a downed power line is spotted, immediately call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661). Spanish-speaking customers should call 1-800-95-LUCES (1-800-955-8237).
- Never approach a downed power line. Always assume a power line is energized and extremely dangerous.
- In the event of an outage, do not approach ComEd crews working to restore power to ask about restoration times. Crews may be working on live electrical equipment, and the perimeter of the work zone may be hazardous.

ComEd urges customers to contact the company immediately if they experience a power outage. Customers can text OUT to 26633 (COMED) to report an outage and receive

restoration information and can follow the company on X [@ComEd](#) or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ComEd](#). Customers can also call 1-800 EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661), or report outages via the website at [ComEd.com/report](#). Spanish-speaking customers should call 1-800-95-LUCES (1-800-955-8237).

With ComEd's new Outage Tracker, customers can report outages, check estimated time of restoration, view crew status updates, and explore our outage map. Visit [ComEd.com/OutageTracker](#).

ComEd's mobile app for iPhone and Android® smart phones gives customers the ability to report power outages and manage their accounts; download the app at [ComEd.com/app](#).

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