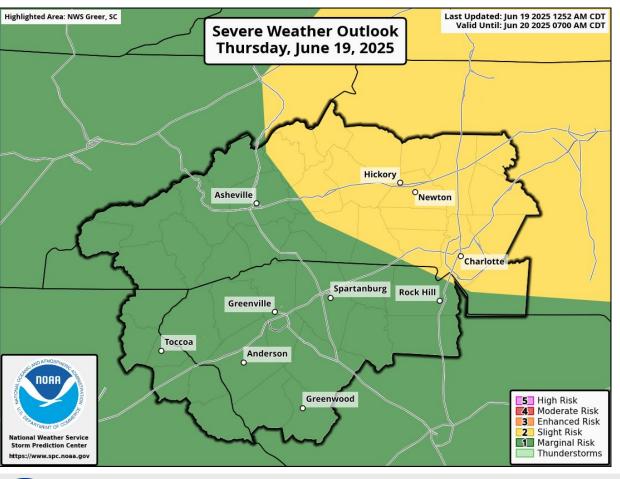


Severe Weather Possible Thursday

For the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia

OVERVIEW

- Severe thunderstorms will be possible this afternoon and evening as a cold front crosses the area.
- Damaging winds remain the primary threat.



	TIMING	 Loosely organized clusters and/or lines of thunderstorms may enter the Carolinas from the west by early afternoon Thursday. Storms will move east quickly as the afternoon wears on and should push east of the Charlotte-Metro area by early evening.
	HAZARDS & IMPACTS	 The primary threat will be damaging winds capable of downing trees and powerlines. Large hail remains a secondary threat, especially in the North Carolina Piedmont and Foothills.
	FORECAST CHALLENGES	 Forecast confidence remains below average owing to uncertainty regarding how storms over eastern Kentucky and Tennessee evolve tonight. If extensive cloud cover and stable air moves into the area this morning, it may limit the coverage and severity of storms during the afternoon. Should the atmosphere fully recover following any morning rain and clouds a more widespread and organized severe weather threat may evolve. The forecast will become more certain later this morning once morning rain and cloud cover trends can be assessed.
	POST-EVENT OUTLOOK	 Drier air will work into the area behind the cold front. This will lead to lower humidity on Friday and Saturday, before hot and humid conditions return Sunday. Widespread showers and storms are not expected through the weekend.
	NEXT BRIEFING	- As needed.

