

# Weather 101



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## Damaging Winds Slam the Borderland

High westerly winds reminded us that the windy season is again here. Peak gusts on Tuesday hit 68 mph, with San Augustin Pass clocking at 98 mph. There were over 20 reports of damage across the city, including downed trees, downed power lines, and roof damage.

We tend to see our windy season begin in late February and last through March, April, and May, with March and April being the windiest months.

Last year (2025), El Paso had its windiest season with 41 dusty days and 15 major dusty days, where visibility was so bad you couldn't make out the Franklin or Organ mountains. There were 2 days last year when we had gusts over 70 mph, with 75 mph as the highest.

While I do not expect an extreme windy season this year like we had last year, I do think we will have another above-average windy season for 2026.



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### Weather Trivia:

How many dusty days does El Paso typically see during our windy season?

- A. 8
- B. 16
- C. 22
- D. 29



*Answer: C (Last year we had 56 - a record)*

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