WIND FORCE SCALE



Calm

less than 1 mpb Smoke rises straight up. Nothing in motion.



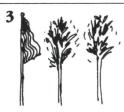
Light Air

1-3 mpb Smoke drifts. Weather vanes still. Trees barely move.



Slight Breeze

4-7 mpb Leaves rustle. Weather vanes turn. Wind felt on face. Flags stir.



Gentle Breeze

8-12 mpb Leaves and small twigs in motion. Dust, loose paper raised from ground. Flags wave out 1/3 from pole.



Moderate Breeze

13-18 mpb

Small branches move. Dust, dry leaves, loose paper driven along. Flags flap.



Fresh Breeze

19-24 mpb

Small trees sway. Large branches in motion. Dust clouds raised. Flags ripple.



Strong Breeze

25-31 mpb

Large branches in constant motion. Wind begins to whistle. Umbrellas hard to bold. Flags beat.



Moderate Gale

32-38 mph

Whole trees in motion. Walking against wind difficult. Flags extended.



Fresh Gale

39-46 mpb Twigs break off trees. Walking is very bard.



Strong Gale

47-54 mpb

Slight huilding damage. TV antennas may break, awnings rip.



Whole Gale

55-63 mpb

Trees uprooted. Much damage.



Storm

64-72 mpb

Widespread damage.



Hurricane

Anything over 73 mpb is a burricane.



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