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Strong northeast winds, significant north swell forecasted for Thanksgiving Day; officials urge vigilance

LĪHU'E – The National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement that forecasts strong northeast winds and a significant north swell for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

According to the National Weather Service, strong northeast winds are expected to develop with the passing of an approaching cold front Wednesday evening and Thanksgiving Day, resulting in strong northeast winds that may impact most of the state.

“We are urging the public to be vigilant during these potentially hazardous weather events,” said Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency Administrator Elton Ushio. “If you have any outdoor plans scheduled on Thanksgiving, consider celebrating indoors, with appropriate COVID-19 safety considerations. Additionally, we highly recommend storing or securing any loose objects exposed to outdoor winds before the onset of windy conditions.

In addition, a powerful low-pressure system will generate a large north swell that will build Wednesday evening and coincide with extreme high tides on Thursday and Friday.

Swimming and other water activities are not recommended during hazardous ocean conditions. Homeowners, beachgoers, and boaters should prepare for the potential of significant wave run-ups along exposed north-facing shores.

For up-to-date information about Kaua'i ocean conditions and safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, visit www.hawaiibeachsafety.com, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 808-241-4984.

For weather updates, call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 808-245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hfo.

To sign up for Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS), the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, and click on "Sign up for Emergency Notifications." You may also call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 808-241-1800.

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