Today's storms could bring big hail, powerful winds

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“70 mph gusts, a measured wind of 1,300 mph, 325,000 square feet automated and refrigerated warehouse along Western Redbird in west Denton,” the county is giving the company a 15% tax abatement over a six-year period beginning in 2022. The company incentives are worth nearly $95,000.

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Keep an eye on skies today

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Storms hitting Denton County late Wednesday afternoon could bring damaging winds, hail up to the size of baseball and isolated tornadoes.

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“The tornado threat is low, the main threat is the hail and wind,” said Sandra Villanueva, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

Winds could be between 60 and 75 mph. The storm should start to become more than an inch of rain, and should fade out of the area overnight, Villanueva said. If it does, the weather will be mostly clear through the weekend.

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Denton County and local news stations will also have the latest weather reports throughout the day. People should make sure to keep tabs on how the storm will change, Gonzalez said.

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For all intents and purposes, reconstruction of West Hickory Street stopped at Avenue B late last year. At the time, Energy had some utility relocation to do, but the city staff wanted to get the bike lane complete before returning work.

The city staff agreed to change traffic on Mindy Street and Avenue A. The city said it will resume work farther west and west of Hickory from West from Hickory and north to

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