

Illinois Storm Impact Summary – August 16–17, 2025

Severe storms struck Illinois with large hail, damaging winds, and tornado activity. This report summarizes the official NOAA SPC storm data to help homeowners, contractors, and insurance professionals understand the scope of damage.

■ Hail Reports

County	Max Hail Size
Stephenson, IL	3.00" (Softball)
McHenry, IL	1.50" (Golf Ball)
DuPage, IL	1.50"
Cook, IL	1.25"
Boone, IL	1.00"
Vermilion, IL	1.00"

■ Wind Damage

Area	Max Wind / Homes Impacted
Chicago, IL Metro	70 mph – 249,379 homes
Indianapolis, IN Area	Up to 70 mph – 35,856 homes
Gary, IN Area	Up to 70 mph – 17,145 homes

■ Tornado Reports

Location	County	EF Scale	Time (UTC)
1 N Homer	Champaign, IL	UNK	23:48
3 ENE Homer	Vermilion, IL	UNK	23:48

■ Homeowners across Illinois should inspect their properties immediately. Hail greater than 1" and winds above 60 mph can cause hidden damage to roofs, siding, and windows. Contact a licensed restoration contractor for a professional inspection.