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Severe storms, strong winds and an isolated tornado hit the northern and central portions of Wisconsin this afternoon and evening. Tornado Warnings were issued for Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade counties and have since expired. Most of the severe weather should move out of the state in the next few hours. There have been no reports of injuries as a result of the storms. Several utilities are reporting scattered power outages due to downed power lines with nearly 12,000 customers reported without power.

Here is the current update:

City of Eau Claire: A severe storm hit the city around 4:30 today. The hardest hit areas were the west and southwest areas of the city. No injuries have been reported. City officials report that six arterial streets are closed due to downed power lines and trees. Numerous homes and businesses are without power. Xcel Energy crews are on the scene trying to restore power. Emergency officials report the city wastewater treatment plant is running on generator power. The strong winds knocked down a radio station tower causing several stations off the air. Officials advise people to stay away from the impacted areas until the debris and downed power lines can be removed.

Marathon County: Shortly before 7:00 p.m., a tornado was spotted about six miles west of Rib Mountain near Wausau. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

Douglas County: Earlier tonight, parts of northwestern Wisconsin were hit with heavy showers. Douglas County Emergency Management reports part of the county received more than two inches of rain causing several streets to flood and to be closed.

Door County: Earlier this afternoon, strong winds downed trees and power lines. Over 900 customers were without power; however most of the power has been restored.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor the situation. At this time, there have been no requests for state assistance.