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Because outside preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, **watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds – 39 MPH.**

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