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On 24th January 2025, the worst wind storm that Northern Ireland has seen since the Boxing day storm of 1988 hit with full force. It was named Storm Eowyn.

Storm Éowyn was the UK's most powerful windstorm for over a decade, bringing red warnings, severe impacts and, tragically, fatalities. It wreaked havoc across the country where there were red and even purple weather warnings put in place for the safety of the people!

Storm Eowyn did lots of damage, it destroyed forestry, homes, took the roofs off sheds, and even took the life of a man. In the aftermath of the storm it was evident that it had left a trail of destruction and there was going to be a lot of work needed to restore some normality to people lives. T

he electric lines were disrupted as trees fell on them and towers fell over, homes were left without power, heating and no way to cook food. Businesses had to remain closed with no power or water supplies.

Even those houses where power wasn't affected still had to deal with broken tiles, damage to cars, fences down, missing trampoline and balls. People are now realising afterwards they need to be prepared in case there is another storm like this. Shops have sold out of generators, gas stoves, gas heaters, lanterns, torches and etc... as people have started purchasing these in order to get by.

Although a lot of families were without power and heat we all tried to make the most of it, we did family games, tea parties, played board games and sat around with candles lit reading and talking but we definitely hope it does not become a regular thing.

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