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## **Strong winds knock out power to thousands of homes**

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Strong winds left many across the state without power.

Rick Zuercher, a spokesman for Virginia Dominion Power said that trees down knocked out power lines to more than 5,800 homes on the Peninsula.

"Gloucester alone at 6,500 households without power," Zuercher said. "We had crews working through the night to restore power and we have a few crews out today."

Zuercher said that as of Monday morning there were only 440 households without power on the Peninsula and 1,080 in Gloucester. In addition, 4,000 homes are without power on the Southside and more than 10,000 in Richmond.

He said that across the state more than 190,000 homes lost power. "Central and Northwest Virginia were hit harder than the Peninsula though," Zuercher said. He said all customers should have power restored in the next two days.

The National Weather Service in Wakefield said some gusts in Newport News were up to 52 miles per hour Sunday.