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Overview

Beaches were closed in the tony beachfront town of Nantucket, Massachusetts when an offshore windmill blade exploded into pieces, many of which washed ashore, endangering beachgoers with shards of fiberglass. When Nantucket residents began posting photos of the fiberglass and foam littering their beaches on the morning of July 16, everyone in the offshore wind world — proponents and opponents, alike — knew the industry was about to face a very public test in confidence. The debris had fallen from a. Wind turbine blades can last 20 to 25 years, but when they're decommissioned, they often end up in landfills, creating significant waste issues. Decommissioned blades, made of tough, non-biodegradable fiberglass, take up about 7 cubic yards each, and around 8,000 are discarded annually in the U. It happened in the area of Head of the Bay Road near the Bourne town line just before 2 p. The aim was to obtain figures for how often a modern wind turbine experiences major damage and/or failure of blades. " Residents began reporting pieces of green and.

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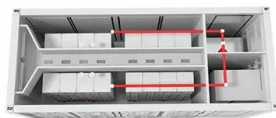


[Wind turbine blade breaks off in Plymouth, Massachusetts, lands in](#)

A blade broke off of a wind turbine and landed in a cranberry bog in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Friday. It happened in the area of Head of the Bay Road near the Bourne town ...

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Learn about the surprising waste crisis of decommissioned wind turbine blades and discover the hidden challenges facing renewable energy sources today.

[Nantucket Current , Broken Vineyard Wind Turbine Scatters Debris...](#)

Debris from a broken Vineyard Wind turbine blade washed up all over Nantucket's south shore Tuesday morning, prompting the offshore energy company to mount a cleanup effort and the ...



[Falling Wind Turbine Blades: An 'Unusual and Rare' Event](#)

In December of 2023 all three blades were torn off a turbine in Ayrshire, Scotland during a storm. The Daily Mail described it as "...the blades suddenly (coming) loose and flung across a ...



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[Massachusetts turbine blade collapse has wind energy critics fuming](#)

A blade that fell from a 300-foot-tall turbine and into a Massachusetts cranberry bog has sparked critics of wind energy to renew their call for the state Legislature to back away from its



[Broken Windmill Blade Closes Nantucket Beaches](#)

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[Root Causes and Mechanisms of Failure of Wind Turbine Blades: ...](#)

A review of the root causes and mechanisms of damage and failure to wind turbine blades is presented in this paper. In particular, the mechanisms of leading edge erosion, adhesive joint degradation, ...

The toxic wings

Summary This document started with an intention to bring together research and established knowledge about the total extent of major damage to wind turbine blades and the causes. The aim was to obtain ...



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