Step 6 – How to Report

How to Report

- Who — You are (Name and Spotter #)
- What — You experienced (observation/damage)
- Where — The event occurred (home or someplace else)
- When — The event occurred (observation time)

Preferred Method

Toll Free Weather Spotter Reporting Number:

1-800-482-0913

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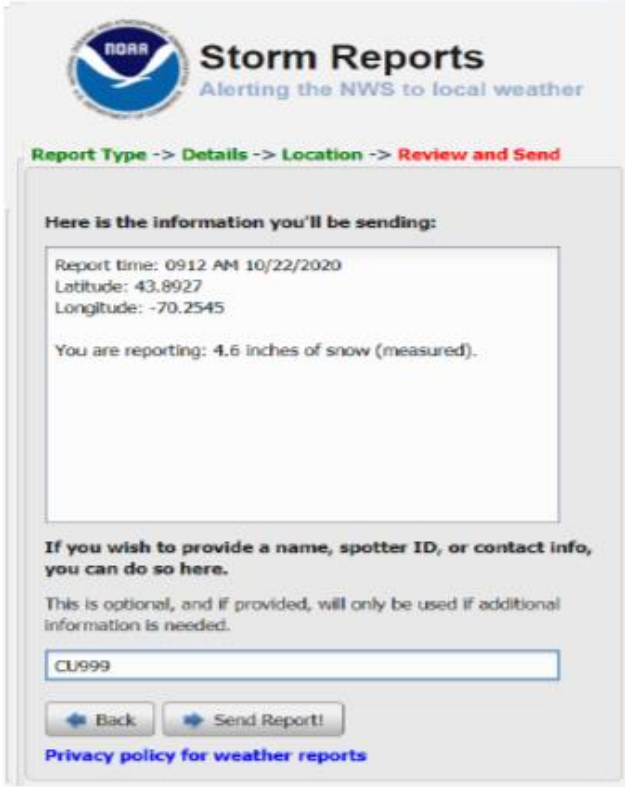
Online Form

- Via our website homepage select the “Submit Storm Report” Tile https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/report/
- Forecasters will be notified at the office
- Do not forget your Spotter ID Number!



Submit Storm Report

Weather Forecast Office
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Email Reports

gyx.skywarn@noaa.gov

Sending videos and pictures of storm damage and observations

Reports via Social Media

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Social Media Reports

We will put up a post looking for reports. Please remember to include your Spotter ID in your comment!

Winter Weather Expected
Send Us Your Reports!

Report:	
Snow Amounts	Measured Storm Total Snowfall to the tenth of an inch (ex. 7.2")
Snowfall Rates	Snowfall Rates of >= 2" per hour
Precipitation Types	When pure snow or rain changes over to mixed precipitation
Ice Accretion	Measured on a flat surface or branch to the hundredth of an inch (ex. 0.24")

Report Via:

- Comment to This Post
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- inws.ncep.noaa.gov/report/
- SKYWARN Normal Reporting Procedures

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Reporting Winter Weather - Snow

Accurate and timely snowfall measurements can be <u>extremely</u> important to the local National Weather Service office, public works departments, media outlets, climatologists, and other scientists

Reporting Winter Weather - Sleet

- Measuring sleet is similar to snow, use a ruler and your snowboard
- Measure to the nearest tenth

- **Report changeover!**
- **Measuring snow and sleet together**
  - This is difficult!
  - Try to measure amount of snow and sleet separately
  - Report storm total as snow and sleet mix when reporting

Reporting Winter Weather - Ice

- Vertical Thickness
  - Find a flat surface & measure ice directly (vehicle deck railings)
- Mean Radial Thickness
  - Find a twig coated by ice
  - Measure the ice thickness on both sides of twig
  - Then divide by two

    ⅜" + ⅛" = ½" / 2 = ¼" ice
- **Please take a picture that has a ruler reference for heavy ice >.25"!**
- Report Changeover!

Reporting Winter Weather – Blizzard Conditions

- Whiteout conditions during a Nor'easter or Snow Squall
- Significant blowing and drifting snow causing ground blizzard conditions.

Reporting Winter Weather – River Flooding

- Any ice jams (don't get close)!
- River flooding of roads & buildings!
- First time local river ices over (send a picture!)

Reporting Winter Weather – Coastal Flooding

- Any road or building flooded (pictures)
- Dune erosion/overtopping

Reporting Winter Weather – Wind Damage

- Any downed tree or wires
- Building damage directly caused by wind or a tree falling into the building