

Mid-South SKYWARN Emergency Net Reporting Procedures

Report the following occurrences immediately:

1. Tornadoes, Funnel Clouds, Rotating Wall Clouds

Remember to look for organized, sustained rotation in funnel clouds and wall clouds. Also, remember that a tornado may be on the ground even when a visible circulation all the way from cloud base to the ground is not present. Look for debris near the surface.

2. Hail

Report any size hail, but remember that 3/4 inch diameter hail is considered to be severe. ALWAYS give an estimate of hail size.

3. Wind Gusts

Estimate the wind speed. DO NOT report "high winds", "strong winds", etc - ALWAYS try to get an estimate of the wind speed.

4. Flooding/Flash Flooding

Report rainfall amounts exceeding one inch in an hour. Also, report flooding that a) blocks streets, roads or highways, and/or b) begins to enter or threaten homes or businesses, or otherwise presents a threat to life or property.

6. Storm Damage

Damage reports are VERY important, even hours after an event has ended. Report ALL damage caused by hail, wind or flooding, including (but not limited to):

- (a) trees/large limbs or branches blown down by wind
- (b) power lines/poles blown down by wind
- (c) any structural damage to homes or businesses (roofs, siding, windows, antennas, etc)
- (d) damage to campers or mobile homes
- (e) windshields or windows broken by hail
- (f) ANY storm-related deaths or injuries

6. Other Phenomena

Lightning, thunder, heavy rain, dark skies, and gusty winds are associated with many non-severe thunderstorms. In addition, thunderstorms may cause power outages, cable TV outages and create other minor inconveniences. Unless the occurrence is significant, do not report these events.