

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RAIN, HAIL & SNOW NETWORK
"Because every drop counts"

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***** WEATHER OBSERVERS NEEDED ACROSS SOUTH TEXAS*****

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) and National Weather Service offices in Corpus Christi and Brownsville are calling all weather enthusiasts across the South Texas Region. Volunteers are needed in reporting rainfall that occurs from the Coastal Bend and Brush Country to the Rio Grande Valley. This program is designed to help meteorologists, forecasters, researchers, among others, to study the variability of precipitation across your region, help improve drought monitoring and verify Doppler radar precipitation estimates.

Persons of any age are welcome to join CoCoRaHS.

Here is what we require:

1. Have an official CoCoRaHS rain gauge (gauges can be purchased through the CoCoRaHS website, www.cocorahs.org)
2. Have a good site on your property with open space where you can place gauge, as tree and obstruction free as possible.
3. Be willing to submit report precipitation data, including "zero" reports daily.
4. Internet access is preferred, though not required, as data can be called/text into a local coordinator, or a phone app is also available.

To become an official rainfall observer, log on to www.cocorahs.org and click on "Join CoCoRaHS" and register to "become a CoCoRaHS Observer". Any questions can be directed to CoCoRaHS Regional Coordinators Juan Alanis, Jr., at 956-251-3996 or to Geoffrey Bogorad, at geoffrey.bogorad@noaa.gov.

About CoCoRaHS: CoCoRaHS, based at Colorado State University and started in 1998, is a unique, non-profit, community based network of volunteer weather observers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and report precipitation amounts (rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost and self-provided measurement tools and stressing training and utilizing an interactive website, the aim of CoCoRaHS is to provide the maximum amount of data for natural resource education as well as research applications, because as we say, “every drop counts.” CoCoRaHS expanded into Texas in 2007 and is now operating in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, The US Virgin Island as well as in Canada and the Bahamas.