

# How To Report:

 **Spotter Hotline:** 1-800-533-7189

 **TEXT REPORTS:** 270-681-2694

 **NWS Paducah Online Reporting:**

<https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/report/>

 **Twitter:** Use #tristatewx #nwspah or #pahspotter

Or direct message us: @NWSPaducah

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## How to make a report

### WHO ARE YOU?

Tell us you are a spotter

### WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Describe what you observed.  
Be brief.

### WHERE DID YOU SEE IT?

Provide location (i.e. 3 miles southeast of Kevil KY at the intersection of County Rd 2532 and 996.)

### WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

Be specific (i.e. 3:21pm)

## What to report

Funnel clouds

Tornadoes

Wall Clouds

Hail – Any size

Flash Flooding

Wind Speeds (Greater than 40 mph)

Rainfall Amounts

Fatalities/Injuries

Storm Damage (trees or branches down, power lines down etc.)

Winter Weather (precip type, amounts, road conditions)

Dense fog

# HAIL SIZE REFERENCES

BB <0.25 "	Golf Ball size 1.75"
Pea size 0.25"	Lime size 2.00"
Dime size 0.70"	Tennis Ball size 2.50"
Penny size 0.75"	Baseball size 2.75"
Nickel size 0.88"	Teacup size 3.00"
Quarter size 1.00"	Softball size 4.00"
Half Dollar size 1.25"	Grapefruit size 4.50"
Ping-Pong size 1.50"	CD/DVD size 4.75-5"

# WIND SPEEDS

30 – 50 mph	Large branches swiftly sway and whole trees move. Difficult to walk.
50 – 70 mph	Small (up to 1") healthy limbs begin to break. Extremely difficult to walk.
60 – 80 mph	Larger (1-3") branches break. Shingles begin to blow off houses.
Greater than 75 mph	Smaller trees or trees in saturated ground begin to uproot.
Greater than 85 mph	Tree trunks begin to snap. Larger trees uproot.
Greater than 95 mph	Large trunked trees snap. Uplift of roof decking can occur.