



Spotter Reporting Information

What to Report:

Hail (any size) and/or hail damage; damaging thunderstorm winds; flooding; tornadoes, waterspouts, funnel clouds; or wall clouds.

Any storm-related damage or injuries including from lightning.

Snowfall, ice accretion.

How to Report:

Call Spotter Hotline **1-800-846-1828**; report *what, when and where*.

Can report over Ham radio network, <http://saltgrasslink.tripod.com/saltgrasslinksystem/>

NWS call sign **WX5HGX**

To send supplemental information such as photos, video (real time or after the fact):

Can send to office email account: sr-hgx.nws@noaa.gov

Send via Twitter and tag us: @NWSHouston

Submit report using NOAA/NSSL **mPing** app (download for free) <https://mping.nssl.noaa.gov/>

Hotline only for severe reports and other emergency information. For more routine questions you can dial 281-337-5074 ext. 6 for forecaster or ext. 223 for Dan Reilly, dan.reilly@noaa.gov.

Web/Social Media:

Houston/Galveston NWS Office Homepage: www.weather.gov/houston

Follow us on Twitter: [@NWSHouston](https://twitter.com/NWSHouston)

Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NWSHouston>

Youtube: NWSHouston: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NWSHouston>

Helpful Weather Links for SKYWARN Spotters:

Mobile links: <http://mobile.weather.gov>

Convective Outlooks – Storm Prediction Center (SPC): www.spc.noaa.gov

Weather Apps (warnings, radar): Numerous: check Google Play or Appstore; a list also at <https://www.weather.gov/subscribe>

CoCoRaHS rainfall network: www.cocorahs.org

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Additional Training Online:

Spotter Guide: [https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/SGJune6-11\(1\).pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/SGJune6-11(1).pdf)

Online Skywarn COMET modules: https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23

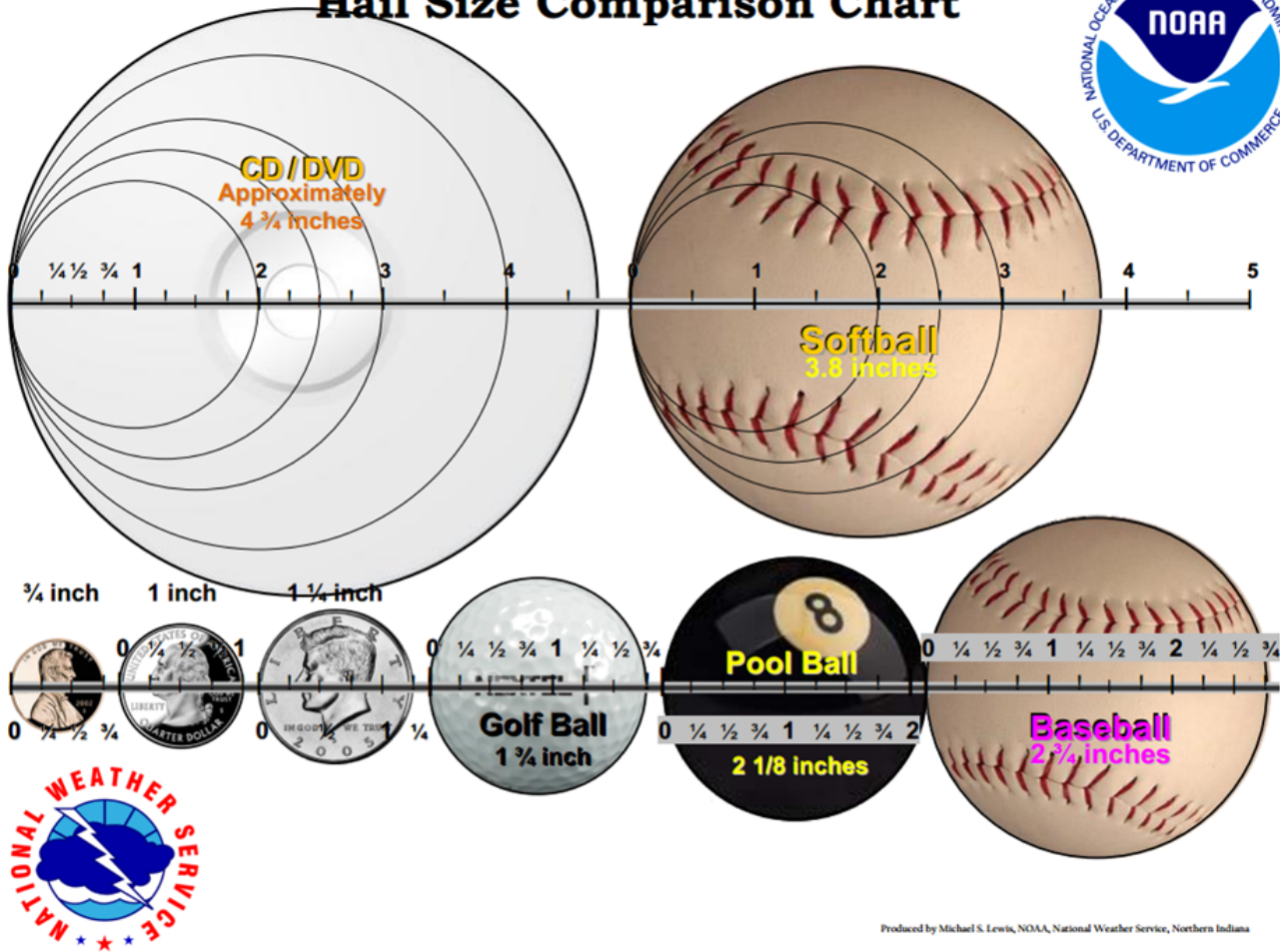
Other Skywarn Resources/Training Schedule: <https://www.weather.gov/hgx/skywarn>

Cloud Poster: <https://www.weather.gov/jetstream/cloudchart>

Spotter Network: www.spotternetwork.org (more training, online community)

Weather Glossary: <https://w1.weather.gov/glossary/>

Hail Size Comparison Chart



Produced by Michael S. Lewis, NOAA, National Weather Service, Northern Indiana

Pea	0.25 - .375 inch	Lime	2.00 inches
Small marble	0.50 inch	Tennis Ball	2.50 inches
Penny	0.75 inch	Baseball	2.75 inches
Nickel	0.88 inch	Large Apple	3.00 inches
Quarter	1.00 inch (15/16")	Softball	4.00 inches
Half dollar	1.25 inch	Grapefruit	4.50 inches
Walnut/Ping Pong	1.50 inch	Computer CD/DVD	4.75 - 5.00 inches
Golf ball	1.75 inch		