

# Skywarn Reporting Criteria

( Need Help Estimating? )

Weather Phenomena	Then Call NWS if:
<b>Tornado</b>	see a Tornado, Waterspout or Funnel
<b>Thunderstorm</b>	Frequent Lightning or Damaging Winds
<b>Hail</b>	1/2 inch (dime size) or larger
<b>Heavy Rain</b>	1 inch or more with 12 hours or, 1/2 inch or more within 1 hour
<b>Flooding</b>	Rivers approaching bankful, or ponding of water on roadways.
<b>High Winds</b>	Sustained or Gusts 40 mph or more.
<b>Heavy Snow</b>	1 inch or more in the valley/coast. 4 inches or more elsewhere.
<b>Blowing Snow</b>	Winds 30 mph or more, and Visibility less than 1/2 mile
<b>Freezing Rain</b>	Always report, especially if accumulating
<b>Heavy Surf/Tides</b>	Report if causing beach erosion
<b>Volcanic Activity or Earthquake</b>	always report, especially if have damage

Source: NWS Portland, <http://weather.gov/portland>