

Good morning everyone,

First, Club Secretaries or Officers or members of Clubs, please pass this to your groups. I don't have all of your Club's email account info.

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A) Radio reporting is the following repeaters in the area:

- a) 146.745 - offset with a tone of 107.2 (Primary)
- b) 146.985 - offset Tone of 107.3 (Secondary)
- c) 145.410 - offset Tone of 103.5

1. **Contact the National Weather Service at:**

- a. **1-866-215-4324 (For Severe Weather Reports) 1-540-552-0084 (non-severe weather information)**
- b. **Amateur Radio (See tri-fold handout for frequencies, but 146.745 -600 Tone 107.2 is the primary frequency)**
- c. **E-mail: rnk.skywarn@noaa.gov (used for delayed reports or non-time critical events like snowfall totals)**
- d. **Facebook (www.fb.com/NWSBlacksburg)**
- e. **Twitter [@NWSBlacksburg](https://twitter.com/NWSBlacksburg)**
- f. **Internet: <https://www.weather.gov/rnk/lsr>**

2. **Identify Yourself as if you are a SKYWARN spotter:**

- a. **"I am a SKYWARN spotter"**

3. **Provide Your location:**

- a. **An exact address: "1750 Forecast Drive, Blacksburg, VA"**
- b. **If mobile, the nearest intersection: "Forecast Drive and Tech Center Drive"**

4. **What to Report:**

- a. **Tornadoes**
- b. **Funnel Clouds**
- c. **ROTATING wall clouds**
- d. **Flash flooding**
 - i. **Creeks or streams out of their banks**
 - ii. **Water flowing over a road/roads closed due to flood waters**
 - iii. **One inch of rain or more in less than one hour**
- e. **Damage, injuries, or loss of life and/or property caused by flooding, wind, hail, and tornadoes.**
- f. **Trees, power lines or tree limbs 4" in diameter or larger downed by winds**
- g. **50 MPH wind gusts or higher (measured or estimated)**
- h. **Hail (any size)**

- i. Snow 1" in depth", 4" in depth and the total snowfall when the snow has ended. Provide the length of time the snow fell**
- j. Ice that begins to accumulate on roads, and when it accumulates to 1/4"**

5. **Time:**

- a. Time of the event**
- b. Duration of the event**

For goodness sake please use common sense! If your mobile stop to text or phone the NWS, if you are on a radio be save but it still might be advisable to find a safe place to pull over and call it into a net.

73 and thanks for reading!

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