



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Spotter Reference Sheet

Deployment Guidelines

- Stay informed on the latest weather threats. What is the hazardous weather potential that day? What is the National Weather Service expecting? Use resources like:
 - **Outlooks (Graphical and Text)**
 - **NOAA Weather Radio**
 - **Commercial Radio or Television**
 - **Internet/Mobile Apps/Social Media**
- Deployment should be done anytime strong to severe storms approach. This means monitoring radar and upstream conditions more than relying strictly on watches/warnings.
- Use **OUTLOOKS** for deployment guidance. A **WATCH** should be a “heads up” that severe weather is possible soon (next 6 hours). Ideally, spotters should be in place **BEFORE** a **WARNING** is issued.
- Ensure your reports get to the National Weather Service! Specific observations or details are always useful. You can also post on Social Media, including our Facebook and/or X accounts.

How To Report

Follow your community's established reporting procedure or use these other methods

Contact NWS Sioux Falls At:



By Voice

1-605-330-4247



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What To Report

Timely reporting can help in the warning process

- Tornadoes
- Funnel Clouds
- Rotating Wall Clouds
- Hail (size and amount)
- Wind Gusts (>45 MPH)
- Flooding/Water Over Roads
- Heavy Rain (>1" per hour)
- Any Damage
- Any Injuries or Fatalities

Tell Us

Who You Are

What Was Observed

Where the Weather Occured

When it Occurred