SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY

PREPARE
Before Severe Weather Hits

- Check the forecast
- Change or delay plans if weather may impact travel
- Have ways to received weather alerts if plans are outdoors
- Create an emergency kit for your car and home

REACT
During Severe Weather Events

- Seek shelter from thunderstorms in a home or vehicle.
- Avoid washes, drainages, and slot canyons during heavy rainfall.
- Head local warnings or advisories.

RESPOND
After Severe Weather has Passed

- Never drive through flooded roads.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Wait until you can no longer hear Thunder before being outside.

WHEN FLOODED TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!
STOP all activities.
Seek shelter in a substantial building or hard-topped vehicle.

SKYWARN Spotter

Report It:

1-800-240-4932

reports keep communities informed

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Stay up to date on weather and weather hazards in your backyard:

weather.gov/lasvegas

Storm Spotter Guide

National Weather Service Las Vegas, NV

Working together to build weather-ready communities

Spotter Reporting Criteria

Tornado or Funnel Cloud
- Location
- Direction

Winds over 40 MPH
- Measured or Estimated

Wind Damage
- Nature of the damage (branch size, tree size, structural damage etc.)
- Extent of damage (widespread or isolated)
- Power outages

Flooding
- Depth
- Flowing or standing
- Street closures
- Water into buildings

Hail
- Size
- Damage

Snow
- Accumulation
- Poor travel conditions

Visibility less than 1/2mi
- Travel Issues

Your reports are used in REAL-TIME to make weather decisions that keep you and your community safe!

How to Report

✓ **Your name** "This is a trained spotter, Jane Doe"

✓ **Weather** "It's flooding"

✓ **Impacts** "A major roadway is washed out"

✓ **Time** "Water started flowing over the roadway at 4 PM"

✓ **Location** "Near the intersection of Pierce Ferry & HWY 93"

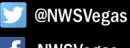Do not Exaggerate Reports
Tell exactly what you see

If in doubt, report it anyway!

We Want your Photos!
Sending photos with your weather report helps the NWS tremendously...

...Plus who doesn't like a cool weather photo??

Send Weather Photos to:
- Twitter @NWSVegas
- Facebook NWSVegas
- ✉ NWS.LasVegas@noaa.gov

MEASURING HAIL

Relate size to objects like:

COINS

BALLS

FOOD

Size	Object
0.25"	Pea
0.50"	M&M
0.75"	Penny
1.00"	Quarter
1.25"	Half Dollar
1.50"	Ping Pong Ball
1.75"	Golf Ball
2.00"	Hen Egg

Report the size of the LARGEST hailstone

ESTIMATING WIND

Speed	Description
39-46 MPH	Twigs and small branches broken off trees
47-54 MPH	Slight structural damage occurs; shingles blown from roof
55-63 MPH	Trees broken; structural damage occurs
64-72 MPH	Widespread damage to trees and buildings
73+ MPH	Extensive damage