



NWS Skywarn Spotter Program

- Spotter Training season runs from January 1st through March 31st and again from September 1st through October 31st. Some exceptions may apply.
- Want to find a class in your area? :
 - Classes are broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio
 - Classes are on the internet at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/pah/?n=spottertraining>
 - Classes are listed in a Public Information Statement – also on the internet under TEXT PRODUCTS.
- What types of classes do you offer?
 - Basic Class:
 - Why spotters are an invaluable part of the NWS
 - What types of weather phenomenon to report and how to report it
 - How to receive the latest weather information
 - Weather safety tips
 - Basics of storm spotting, which includes everything from visual clues to severe weather meteorology.
 - Advanced Class:
 - Delve deeper into the inner workings of a thunderstorm.
 - Learn how certain atmospheric conditions will yield better organized storms and how we can forecast that threat.
 - Explain the different types of storms and modes of severe weather to expect from each.
 - Detailed discussion about tornado formation and explain how boundaries can play a significant role in tornado production.
 - Storm spotting logistics, which will help you better plan your day as a spotter.