## The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS):

## A Great way Collect and Disseminate Web-Based Climate Data

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Precipitation is essential for life. It varies greatly with topography, storm type and season. CoCoRaHS helps track this precious resource.



The CoCoRaHS Network is a non-profit community-based group of volunteers who collect data on rain, hail and snow using simple low-cost rain gauges and hail pads.



Hail pad = Aluminum foil over a Styrofoam square

4" diameter high capacity rain gauge holds up to eleven inches of precipitation



The CoCoRaHS Network currently engages over 3,000+ volunteer observers in communities across fourteen states.





Training our volunteers is of critical importance in making sure that our precipitation data are accurate and of the highest quality.



Volunteers of all backgrounds and ages help gather precipitation measurements in a variety of locations.











Data collected from the network is available on our Web site in map and table form. Data are QC'd daily and used daily by many federal, state and community organizations.



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