

Winter 2024-2025 Southern New England CoCoRaHS News

Welcome to meteorological winter which includes the months of December, January, and February! Our quarterly Winter Newsletter features the return of the "Grand List", Winter Observing Tips, Reporting Zeros, and Other Types of Reports.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email (<u>idellica@gmail.com</u>) if you have any questions about reporting. -Joe Dellicarpini, SNE CoCoRaHS Coordinator

Welcome!

Several observers joined our network recently. Welcome to Southern New England CoCoRaHS! We're glad to have you aboard. Whether you report daily or once in a while, that's OK. Report as often as you like. Here are the new observers who joined over the fall:

Connecticut:

CT-NL-77, Pawcatuck 0.8 ESE

Massachusetts

- MA-ES-104, Danvers 1.1 E
- MA-FR-53, Turners Falls 0.5 SSE
- MA-HS-62, Southampton 0.6 NE
- MA-MD-245, Dracut 1.9 E
- MA-WR-139, Leominster 0.5 SW

Rhode Island

- RI-PR-152, North Providence 2.4 SSW
- RI-WS-114, Kingston 6.9 N

We also want to recognize one of our original observers who was inadvertently left off the list from the fall newsletter. Paul has been with us from the start in 2009 with his original station MA-WR-1 in Milford, followed by station MA-WR-7 in Milford, and now station MA-PL-63 in Wareham.

Return of the "Grand List"

It's been awhile since we've recognized your reporting milestones! Here are the latest Daily Observation tallies as of December 1, 2024. We now have a number of stations with more than 5,000 Daily Reports and many more with 1,000. Thank you for your efforts in reporting. Keep up the great work!

Remember, you can check out the <u>CoCoRaHS Data Explorer</u> to view your past reports and see how your totals compare to various normals. Just change the ID in the link to match your station.

CT-FR-9	Brookfield 3.3 SSE
CT-TL-2	Staffordville 0.4 NNW
CT-HR-6	Wethersfield 1.2 WSW
CT-WN-4	East Killingly 1.3 SW
CT-HR-5	Enfield 1.5 SE
CT-HR-8	North Granby 1.3 ENE
MA-NF-1	Norwood 1.3 NW
MA-BR-3	Norton 1.8 NNE
MA-BA-3	Falmouth 3.0 E
MA-BR-8	Dighton 1.1 WSW
MA-ES-4	Groveland 0.5 WSW
MA-PL-5	Kingston 3.3 WNW
MA-BA-1	Yarmouth 2.3 SSE
MA-BR-2	Rehoboth 2.1 N
MA-MD-7	Winchester 0.7 SE
MA-MD-12	Acton 1.3 SW
RI-NW-4	Middletown 1.1 SW
RI-KN-2	East Greenwich 2.3 ESE
RI-NW-5	Little Compton 1.7 NW

4,000+ Daily Reports

CT-NL-5	Oakdale 2.6 WNW
CT-NH-14	Prospect 1.9 ENE
CT-LT-9	New Hartford Center 3.2 SW
CT-HR-15	Southington 3.0 E
MA-BA-18	Waquoit 0.6 SSW
MA-MD-11	Cambridge 0.9 NNW
MA-ES-12	Boxford 2.4 S
MA-BA-13	Falmouth 0.6 NNW
MA-BA-17	East Falmouth 1.2 WNW
MA-BA-12	Orleans 1.1 E
MA-BA-19	East Falmouth 0.7 NW
MA-BA-2	Falmouth 3.1 NNW
MA-BA-11	East Falmouth 1.4 ESE
MA-HS-2	Westhampton 1.8 SW
MA-WR-118	Sturbridge 4.6 SW
MA-BA-22	Yarmouth 0.9 NNW
MA-BR-14	Dartmouth 2.5 SSW
MA-BA-27	Wellfleet 0.7 NW
MA-BA-10	East Sandwich 2.3 SE
MA-DK-2	Vineyard Haven 0.8 WSW
MA-WR-8	Fitchburg 1.6 SSW
MA-FR-10	Conway 0.9 SW
MA-BR-16	Somerset 0.4 SSE
RI-NW-7	Little Compton 0.6 E

CT-FR-23	Shelton 1.3 W
CT-HR-22	East Hartford 1.3 E
CT-WN-8	Moosup 1.7 NE
CT-FR-25	Norwalk 2.9 NNW
CT-FR-3	New Canaan 1.9 ENE
CT-NH-22	Prospect 0.5 SW
CT-HR-28	North Canton 0.8 SSW
CT-NL-22	Central Waterford 2.7 SSW
CT-NL-21	Griswold 0.9 N
CT-NL-6	New London 1.0 NNW

- CT-TL-15 Central Somers 0.3 N
- CT-TL-18 Hebron 5.3 NW
- CT-FR-41 Bethel 3.5 NNE
- CT-NL-10 Norwich 2.5 NNE
- MA-BE-4 Becket 5.6 SSW
- MA-NF-11 Millis 2.0 SW
- MA-PL-2 Sagamore Beach 1.0 NW
- MA-WR-28 Berlin 1.3 WSW
- MA-MD-25 Ayer 0.1 SW
- MA-BE-11 Great Barrington 3.0 N
- MA-MD-44 Medford 1.2 W
- MA-MD-42 Holliston 0.8 S
- MA-HD-13 Springfield 4.1 W
- MA-HS-8 Williamsburg 1.2 WSW
- MA-PL-15 Abington 1.2 NNE
- MA-MD-47 West Townsend 0.5 W
- MA-SF-10 Chelsea 0.8 N
- MA-MD-51 Maynard 0.7 ESE
- MA-BA-7 Wellfleet 3.0 E
- MA-ES-20 Haverhill 0.7 N
- MA-MD-52 Lexington 0.6 SW
- MA-BA-47 Mashpee 2.4 WSW
- MA-FR-12 Sunderland 1.3 SE
- MA-HS-7 Plainfield 2.2 SW
- MA-BR-9 Taunton 2.6 NW
- MA-FR-8 New Salem 3.1 S
- MA-BA-14 North Falmouth 0.5 ENE
- MA-BA-45 Sandwich 0.9 NNE
- MA-ES-3 Haverhill 3.6 WNW
- MA-ES-1 Salisbury 3.7 NW
- MA-FR-17 Buckland 1.8 ESE
- MA-WR-43 Leicester 2.4 ESE
- MA-FR-13 Conway 2.9 NW
- MA-WR-30 Shrewsbury 1.6 NNE
- MA-BA-51 Orleans 3.0 S
- MA-MD-36 Townsend 2.6 S
- MA-WR-41 Auburn 2.6 SW
- MA-NF-5 Weymouth 0.5 NW
- MA-WR-44 Westminster 0.6 WSW

- MA-MD-53 Acton 4.0 ENE
- MA-BR-30 Taunton 3.9 N
- RI-PR-33 Greenville 0.7 NNW

- CT-HR-23 Southington 0.9 SSE
- CT-FR-43 Bethel 0.5 E
- CT-NL-24 Stonington 1.4 NNW
- CT-FR-46 Stratford 0.2 ESE
- CT-NL-19 Mystic 0.9 W
- CT-FR-32 Monroe 0.8 W
- CT-LT-20 Warren 2.4 WNW
- CT-NL-18 Stonington 0.5 NNE
- CT-NH-44 Wallingford Center 1.9 WNW
- CT-NH-43 Wallingford Center 3.3 NNW
- CT-LT-18 New Hartford Center 1.5 N
- CT-WN-12 Eastford 2.0 W
- CT-WN-10 South Windham 1.3 NNE
- CT-NH-42 Wallingford Center 1.1 N
- CT-NL-29 East Lyme 0.5 SW
- CT-NH-45 Naugatuck 1.7 NNE
- CT-MD-21 Killingworth 2.6 ESE
- CT-HR-68 Rocky Hill 1.3 E
- CT-HR-65 Newington 1.9 SSW
- CT-MD-23 Higganum 0.7 N
- CT-NL-38 Old Lyme 3.4 ESE
- CT-LT-22 New Milford 5.3 SSW
- CT-HR-57 Suffield Depot 3.3 NNE
- CT-MD-18 Essex Village 0.9 S
- CT-NL-32 Niantic 1.1 SW
- CT-TL-27 Willington 2.7 SE
- CT-TL-26 Broad Brook 2.6 ESE
- CT-NL-40 Pawcatuck 1.8 SSE
- CT-FR-26 Stratford 0.9 W
- CT-MD-25 Middlefield 0.6 SE
- CT-LT-28 Canaan 4.2 ESE
- CT-FR-59 New Canaan 3.8 N
- CT-MD-26 Higganum 0.8 NE

- CT-HR-55 Southington 1.7 WNW
- CT-FR-57 Trumbull 0.9 W
- CT-NL-37 Mystic 1.6 W
- CT-FR-60 Fairfield 1.5 NE
- CT-FR-29 Ridgefield 1.9 SSE
- CT-HR-82 Suffield 0.5 NNE
- CT-HR-39 Farmington 1.6 SW
- CT-TL-30 Mansfield Center 2.7 NE
- CT-HR-70 Canton 1.5 W
- CT-HR-83 Plainville 1.7 SW
- MA-BA-50 Falmouth 5.4 NNE
- MA-BA-52 Truro 0.8 E
- MA-WR-40 Gardner 1.4 SSW
- MA-PL-23 Pembroke 2.8 SW
- MA-NF-19 Foxborough 1.8 SSW
- MA-ES-24 Newburyport 0.8 SW
- MA-WR-54 Barre 1.4 NNE
- MA-MD-85 Wilmington 2.2 WNW
- MA-PL-31 Bridgewater 1.8 SE
- MA-ES-41 Danvers 0.8 ESE
- MA-WR-56 Sterling 4.3 NW
- MA-BA-59 Barnstable 3.6 W
- MA-PL-17 Plympton 0.9 NNE
- MA-BR-23 Attleboro 0.9 ENE
- MA-MD-62 Chelmsford 1.2 E
- MA-NF-26 Bellingham 2.4 S
- MA-MD-89 Sudbury 3.6 W
- MA-WR-22 Fitchburg 2.0 NNE
- MA-BA-42 Orleans 1.8 S
- MA-BA-43 Chatham 0.4 WSW
- MA-PL-36 Hingham 0.8 ESE
- MA-HS-12 Northampton 0.4 S
- MA-NF-32 Quincy 1.8 WSW
- MA-BA-57 Falmouth 5.7 N
- MA-NF-31 Stoughton 1.2 E
- MA-MD-105 Littleton 0.9 WSW
- MA-PL-22 East Bridgewater 0.3 WSW
- MA-PL-6 Middleborough 5.5 E
- MA-MD-18 Belmont 0.2 ESE

- MA-HS-14 Plainfield 2.4 ESE
- MA-BA-36 Harwich 2.6 ENE
- MA-BR-52 New Bedford 4.3 N
- MA-MD-119 Watertown 1.1 W
- MA-WR-42 Northborough 2.3 N
- MA-ES-48 Andover 0.6 E
- MA-BE-10 Pittsfield 2.0 NNW
- MA-MD-104 Littleton 2.8 NNW
- MA-WR-13 Leominster 1.5 S
- MA-BR-55 NWS Boston/Norton 2.5 ESE
- MA-MD-115 Hudson 1.4 NW
- MA-HD-20 Wilbraham 3.7 SSW
- MA-WR-25 Holden 2.0 ESE
- MA-BR-37 Westport 0.9 ESE
- MA-WR-18 Northborough 0.6 SSE
- MA-HS-26 Easthampton 0.5 SW
- MA-WR-55 Harvard 2.1 S
- MA-BA-72 Yarmouth 2.0 S
- MA-MD-45 Wilmington 1.5 NE
- MA-MD-125 Tewksbury 3.6 SSE
- MA-MD-126 Melrose 0.5 NE
- MA-MD-107 Framingham 1.7 E
- MA-BA-78 Mashpee 4.6 S
- MA-BE-2 Great Barrington 0.4 N
- MA-BA-77 South Dennis 1.0 NW
- MA-MD-55 Holliston 0.7 W
- MA-BA-76 Barnstable 0.7 NE
- MA-WR-58 Lunenburg 0.6 NE
- MA-MD-120 Natick 1.9 NNE
- MA-NF-3 Franklin 0.7 NE
- MA-MD-80 Lincoln 1.5 SW
- MA-WR-69 Northbridge 1.7 WNW
- MA-MD-123 Lexington 1.3 SE
- MA-PL-48 Marshfield 1.5 NNW
- MA-BA-65 Chatham 0.2 SSE
- MA-SF-2 Winthrop 0.2 N
- MA-BR-58 Dighton 3.3 NNW
- MA-ES-58 Middleton 1.4 SSW
- MA-ES-45 Nahant 0.4 N

Sandwich 1.5 SSE
Nantucket 3.8 WNW
Brimfield 3.6 NW
Colrain 3.7 WNW
Newburyport 1.0 ESE
Brewster 1.5 ESE
Gloucester 4.3 N
Brewster 1.4 W
Warren 2.4 WSW
Westfield 2.8 SE
North Smithfield 0.7 SE
North Smithfield 0.6 S
Charlestown 3.0 WSW
Kingston 7.5 NNE
Harrisville 1.2 SSE
Portsmouth 1.3 S
Kingston 2.4 SW
Barrington 1.3 WNW
Richmond 4.6 NNE
Tiverton 1.0 SSW
Cumberland Hill 3.6 NNE
Jamestown 0.3 SSE
Westerly 0.8 WNW
Cranston 4.2 ENE
Cranston 1.2 SSE
Cumberland Hill 0.9 NW
Coventry 1.9 NE
Tiverton 4.4 SSE
Westerly 2.4 NNW
Charlestown 4.7 NNE

CT-MD-24	Durham 1.2 W
CT-HR-49	West Hartford 1.1 W
CT-LT-7	Litchfield 2.3 NNE
CT-NL-44	Old Lyme 0.5 W
CT-FR-58	Ridgefield 3.6 N
CT-LT-34	Woodbury Center 1.5 SSV

- CT-NH-56 Guilford Center 2.7 WSW
- CT-HR-100 Manchester 0.4 ENE
- CT-LT-37 New Milford 3.1 WNW
- CT-FR-70 Bridgeport 2.9 NNW
- CT-TL-35 Somersville 0.2 ENE
- CT-HR-52 Central Manchester 0.8 N
- CT-NL-46 Mystic 3.4 NW
- CT-NL-8 Uncasville-Oxoboxo Valley 1.6 ENE
- CT-TL-40 Coventry 0.3 NNE
- CT-TL-41 Somers 0.3 S
- CT-NH-67 Waterbury 1.3 WNW
- CT-NH-75 Meriden 2.8 WSW
- CT-HR-88 Suffield Depot 6.0 WNW
- CT-HR-63 West Hartford 1.1 NNE
- CT-LT-43 Winsted 3.8 ESE
- CT-NL-50 Norwich 5.4 SE
- CT-FR-83 Darien 2.4 NW
- CT-FR-63 Wilton 1.9 NW
- CT-FR-64 Bethel 4.5 SSE
- CT-FR-66 Norwalk 1.4 ENE
- CT-LT-5 Winsted 2.6 NNW
- CT-NH-72 Northford 0.8 SW
- CT-FR-65 Newtown 4.6 SE
- CT-NL-52 Pawcatuck 0.8 SE
- CT-TL-49 Somers 1.2 NE
- CT-HR-102 Windsor Locks 3.2 SW
- CT-NL-63 Old Lyme 1.7 NNE
- CT-NL-56 Norwich 5.2 SE
- CT-NL-57 Jewett City 3.0 ESE
- CT-WN-26 Danielson 3.2 ESE
- CT-NL-60 Waterford 1.1 E
- CT-NH-77 Southbury 2.3 W
- CT-TL-50 Vernon 1.6 N
- CT-HR-31 Bristol 2.7 WNW
- CT-HR-106 Southwood Acres 0.3 WSW
- CT-NL-45 Groton 2.9 E
- CT-NL-62 Salem 3.6 SE
- CT-MD-30 Chester Center 2.7 WNW
- CT-NL-70 Colchester 0.6 ENE

- CT-FR-5 Darien 3.6 N
- CT-HR-35 Weatogue 0.7 E
- CT-WN-25 Sterling 2.6 N
- CT-LT-46 Watertown 3.4 N
- MA-ES-19 West Newbury 1.8 SSE
- MA-HS-21 Northampton 0.6 ESE
- MA-BA-79 Mashpee 0.8 SSW
- MA-BR-61 Mansfield 2.4 ENE
- MA-DK-9 West Tisbury 0.4 S
- MA-FR-21 Millers Falls 0.2 SW
- MA-ES-22 Rockport 1.0 E
- MA-MD-158 Sherborn 1.1 NW
- MA-HD-29 West Springfield 1.6 SSW
- MA-BE-21 Cheshire 0.5 NNW
- MA-BA-69 Eastham 0.9 SW
- MA-NF-54 Quincy 1.2 W
- MA-NF-50 Millis 1.4 ENE
- MA-ES-61 Amesbury 2.6 WSW
- MA-HD-30 Hampden 2.0 NW
- MA-WR-81 Worcester 1.6 SE
- MA-MD-160 Reading 1.2 N
- MA-ES-66 North Andover 0.3 NW
- MA-ES-55 Groveland 0.8 S
- MA-MD-134 Somerville 0.5 SSE
- MA-BE-20 Lee 3.7 SE
- MA-BA-60 Hyannis 0.7 WNW
- MA-MD-4 Townsend 3.2 NW
- MA-HD-33 Agawam 1.1 SSW
- MA-WR-88 Leicester 2.5 WSW
- MA-NF-62 Franklin 1.4 SW
- MA-PL-57 Hanson 1.8 N
- MA-NF-39 Weymouth 2.3 N
- MA-BA-83 Mashpee 2.5 W
- MA-DK-21 Chilmark 0.9 E
- MA-DK-18 Oak Bluffs 0.1 SW
- MA-ES-71 Danvers 2.5 NNE
- MA-MD-71 Newton 2.2 NNW
- MA-MD-178 Framingham 2.0 NNE
- MA-FR-36 Montague 3.4 NNW

- MA-FR-35 Bernardston 1.0 SW
- MA-WR-90 Upton 0.4 NE
- MA-BE-24 Hancock 3.6 NNE
- MA-FR-22 Ashfield 1.4 NE
- MA-PL-60 Abington 1.7 ESE
- MA-BA-87 Falmouth 1.5 NNW
- MA-HS-45 Westhampton 0.4 WNW
- MA-ES-64 Newburyport 0.4 NNW
- MA-HS-48 Easthampton 1.0 E
- MA-NF-63 Norfolk 1.1 W
- MA-MD-192 Ayer 0.4 SSE
- MA-MD-175 Arlington 0.4 WNW
- MA-DK-22 Edgartown 1.3 WNW
- MA-ES-77 Groveland 1.2 NE
- MA-WR-100 Douglas 1.9 NNE
- MA-WR-89 Holden 0.9 SSE
- MA-NF-73 Foxborough 3.1 E
- MA-MD-168 Pepperell 0.6 SE
- MA-PL-55 Carver 2.3 E
- MA-PL-61 Middleborough 3.5 SSE
- MA-WR-98 Worcester 2.2 NW
- MA-NT-9 Nantucket 5.9 ESE
- MA-HD-22 Holyoke 1.0 ENE
- MA-HD-36 West Springfield 0.3 E
- MA-BR-72 Somerset 2.3 NNE
- MA-FR-38 Shutesbury 2.9 SW
- MA-MD-186 Watertown 1.1 NW
- MA-NF-68 Quincy 1.5 SSE
- MA-FR-46 Conway 1.2 E
- MA-PL-63 Wareham 5.6 NE
- MA-NF-65 Milton 1.3 N
- MA-FR-41 Conway 3.4 WSW
- MA-ES-54 Gloucester 2.1 NW
- MA-SF-31 Boston 6.5 SW
- MA-ES-84 Beverly 0.5 SW
- MA-BA-92 Mashpee 3.2 WSW
- MA-ES-76 Nahant 0.7 N
- MA-MD-189 Pepperell 2.2 SSW
- MA-WR-106 Athol 2.8 NNE

- MA-WR-63 Rutland 3.1 SW
- MA-NF-67 Bellingham 3.6 SSW
- MA-BA-46 East Falmouth 0.2 ESE
- MA-HS-47 Granby 0.5 WSW
- RI-WS-54 North Kingstown 2.7 WSW
- RI-PR-67 Providence 1.6 NE
- RI-KN-23 Warwick 3.2 NNE
- RI-KN-15 Warwick 4.3 SSW
- RI-WS-55 Wakefield 0.8 ENE
- RI-WS-52 Wakefield-Peacedale 3.1 NE
- RI-WS-51 Richmond 2.4 SSE
- RI-NW-28 Portsmouth 3.7 NNE
- RI-PR-89 Woonsocket 1.8 WNW
- RI-NW-27 Newport 1.3 SW
- RI-PR-82 Providence 1.6 NNW
- RI-KN-14 Greene 1.4 E
- RI-BR-11 Bristol 2.0 NNW
- RI-PR-84 Providence 2.7 NNE
- RI-WS-58 Kingston 0.3 SW
- RI-KN-31 Warwick 0.8 ENE
- RI-WS-40 Exeter 1.0 NE
- RI-WS-65 Wakefield-Peacedale 0.9 W
- RI-KN-30 East Greenwich 2.0 NE
- RI-NW-23 Tiverton 3.6 S
- RI-WS-14 Kingston 5.5 W
- RI-NW-32 Portsmouth 5.2 SSE
- RI-KN-36 Coventry 2.5 NW
- RI-WS-69 Exeter 3.9 S
- RI-KN-38 Warwick 3.9 NNE
- RI-PR-104 Providence 2.1 NE
- RI-WS-81 Wakefield-Peacedale 0.4 SW
- RI-WS-66 Narragansett 2.9 N
- RI-PR-108 East Providence 0.8 SSW
- RI-PR-106 Valley Falls 1.1 W
- RI-PR-112 Cranston 1.7 NNE
- RI-NW-30 Jamestown 0.7 NNE
- RI-WS-80 South Kingston 4.3 WSW
- RI-PR-77 Riverside 0.8 SE
- RI-WS-70 Wakefield-Peacedale 1.7 NNE

RI-KN-37	Warwick 2.3 NNE
RI-KN-51	Coventry 3.7 W
RI-PR-119	Pawtucket 2.6 SSE
RI-KN-45	East Greenwich 2.8 NE
RI-WS-83	Wakefield-Peacedale 0.4 NNW
RI-NW-31	Newport 1.0 NE
RI-WS-71	Wakefield-Peacedale 5.0 SW
RI-KN-59	Coventry 1.2 SW
RI-PR-121	Greenville 6.7 WSW
RI-PR-81	Foster 4.8 SSE
RI-WS-77	Kingston 0.7 WSW

Mistakes Happen!

Did you know CoCoRaHS reviews all observations that are submitted and checks them for errors? A lot of times, mistakes happen when an observer makes a decimal error (1.00" instead of 0.10"), tries to backfill a missing observation with 0.00" when there was actually precipitation on that day, or enters snowfall as precipitation. If you make a mistake, don't worry! I get notified via a ticketing system and can often make the correction, but in some cases I might reach out for more information. If I do, please don't take it personally - we're just trying to keep your station records as accurate as possible.

Winter Observing and Reporting Tips

Now that we're into the start of winter, here are some observing and reporting tips:

When Temperatures Are Expected to be Near Freezing (33-36F) or Colder:

 Remove the funnel from the top of the gauge and the inner cylinder and keep them indoors.

When Snow Falls:

- Measure the newly fallen snow with a ruler on a snow board or other flat surface.
- If you want to report snow depth, take several measurements and average them together.
- To measure the liquid content of new snow, allow snow to fall into the larger outer cylinder.
 - Bring the cylinder indoors to melt the snow. You can let it melt on its own or add a measured amount of warm water (using the inner cylinder) to melt it more quickly.

- Carefully pour the melted snow into the inner cylinder to measure the precipitation amount. If you added warm water to help it melt, remember to subtract that from the total.
- If there were just flurries (no accumulation), report a Trace (T) of precipitation and snowfall
- See the graphic below which shows you what information gets reported on the report form

What About Sleet (Ice Pellets)?

• Report sleet like you would for snow (above)

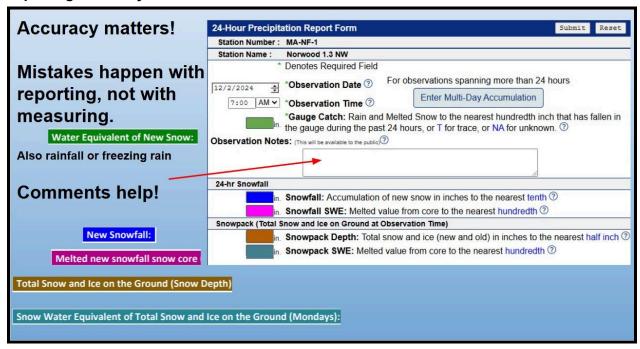
What About Freezing Rain?

- If the larger outer cylinder is frozen to the bracket, DO NOT force it! The bracket can easily break (trust me, this has happened to me!)
- Use a warm wet cloth to help "defrost" the gauge from the bracket and gently remove it, or wait until the ice on the bracket melts.
- Melt the ice that is inside the gauge by bringing it indoors and letting it melt, or by adding a measured amount of warm water (like you would to melt snow).
- Report the total as precipitation, like you would for rain.

Observing Summary:

- Water Equivalent of New Snow: Melt the amount of new snow that fell in your gauge during the
 last 24 hours. Measure the amount of liquid to the nearest hundredth of an inch (such as 0.38").
- New Snowfall: Measure the depth of new snow to the nearest tenth of an inch (such as 4.7") on your snow board.
- Melted new snowfall snow core (use if it is windy):
- ⇒ Place your gauge upside down on your **snow board**, firmly push down and "cut a biscuit".
- ⇒ Carefully turn the gauge right side up trying not to let any snow spill.
- ⇒ Be sure to clear the snow off your snow board and place it back on the ground.
- ⇒ Take the gauge inside and allow the snow to melt. Measure the amount of liquid to the nearest hundredth of an inch (such as 0.38").
- Total Snow and Ice on the Ground (Snow Depth): Measure the depth of total snow to the nearest half an inch (such as 5.5") on the ground. You may need to take several measurements and average them to get your total depth of snow.
- Snow Water Equivalent of Total Snow and Ice on the Ground (Mondays):
- Place your gauge upside down on the ground, firmly push down and "cut a biscuit".
- ⇒ Carefully turn the gauge right side up trying not to let any snow spill.
- ⇒ Take the gauge inside and allow the snow to melt. Measure the amount of liquid to the nearest hundredth of an inch (such as 0.38").

Reporting Summary:



Remember, winter weather reporting <u>is the most difficult part</u> of reporting! If you make a mistake, that's OK. Just do the best you can. Feel free to reach out to me (<u>idellica@gmail.com</u>) if you have questions. You can also refer to the <u>CoCoRaHS Winter Precipitation Measurements Guide</u> for more detailed information. Also remember to add Comments if you can.

Lastly, always be safe! If it's too cold, too icy, or simply too dangerous to go to your gauge, <u>wait</u> <u>until it's safe to do so</u>. Some observers "take the winter off" from reporting and that's perfectly fine too. We will keep your station "open" until you are ready to report again.

Be a Hero and Report Your Zeros!

Did you know that reporting zeros is just as important as reporting precipitation when it rains or snows? Our area became especially dry this past fall with an unusual number of brush fires in October and November. Drought declarations were made by all three states. Having reports of 0.00" helped define the emerging drought and helped us at NWS Boston provide more accurate information to state drought management officials.

Condition Monitoring Reports

Speaking of dry conditions, are you familiar with <u>Condition Monitoring Reports</u>? This is a great way to let others know about ongoing conditions in your area, whether it's wet, dry, or something in between. The information is used by water resource officials and others, including the authors of the weekly <u>Drought Monitor</u>. Give it a try!

Significant Weather Reports

Another useful report, especially to us at NWS Boston and other NWS offices, is the Significant Weather Report (SWR). These can be submitted anytime and automatically alert at NWS forecaster workstations, so we see your reports immediately. They are very helpful whether it's during flooding, severe weather, or winter weather.

Here's an easy way to remember when to send a SWR - the "1-2-3 Rule):

- 1" of rain or snow or more per hour
- Total of 2" or more of rain
- Total of 3" or more of snow
- Anything else you feel is important (storm damage, for example)

At NWS Boston (and other NWS offices), we automatically import your daily observations for use in our Storm Report listings, but you are welcome to submit your snow, ice, or rainfall totals through the SWR.

mPing

Did you know you can report current weather conditions using the mPing app? You can download it for free on Apple and Android devices. Give it a try! We are able to monitor mPing reports in real time at NWS offices. These reports are especially useful to let us know what is happening "on the ground" when looking at radar data. It is also very helpful when the rain/snow line comes into play! Your reports are also used by the NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory in a variety of ways, including to develop new radar and forecasting technologies and techniques.

That's all for now. Have a Happy Holiday season! Look for the next newsletter around the start of spring!