



CoCoRaHS Collections

“Because Every Drop Counts”

The Ohio Newsletter

Winter 2016-2017

Welcome and Thank You!

There have been quite a few new observers lately so I want to extend a welcome to all of our new observers and a thank you to all the observers that have been taking reports for many years!



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As a reminder if you have any questions on any part of observing with CoCoRaHS there is a resource section on the CoCoRaHS website where there are training slide-shows and videos. This is highlighted here to the left. In addition there is also a volunteer coordinators section where you can view who is the coordinator for your area if you have additional questions.

A special thank you to those listed below for contributing to this newsletter!



-Julian Turner,
CoCoRaHS Headquarters

-Ohio Regional Coordinators

-CoCoRaHS Website, NWS Website, and OCSWA Website

CoCoRaHS App

When submitting your report you may do so on the CoCoRaHS website or with the CoCoRaHS app. At this time only daily precipitation reports can be submitted on the app, however improvements are made at times to the app. You can also view your past reports. Remember if you need to do a multi-day accumulation report or edit a report, these activities still need to take place on the website at this time. To enter snow, flooding info, or additional notes on the app, click more details to go to the second page of the app.



Is there a topic that you would like to hear about in a future newsletter?

If so, please contact:

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Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 19th-25th

March 19th through the 25th is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. As part of this week, the state of Ohio will participate in a statewide tornado drill and test its Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Wednesday March 22nd at 9:50am. More safety information can be found on the Ohio Committee For Severe Weather Awareness page at: <http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/>



Weather Safety Week Events 2017

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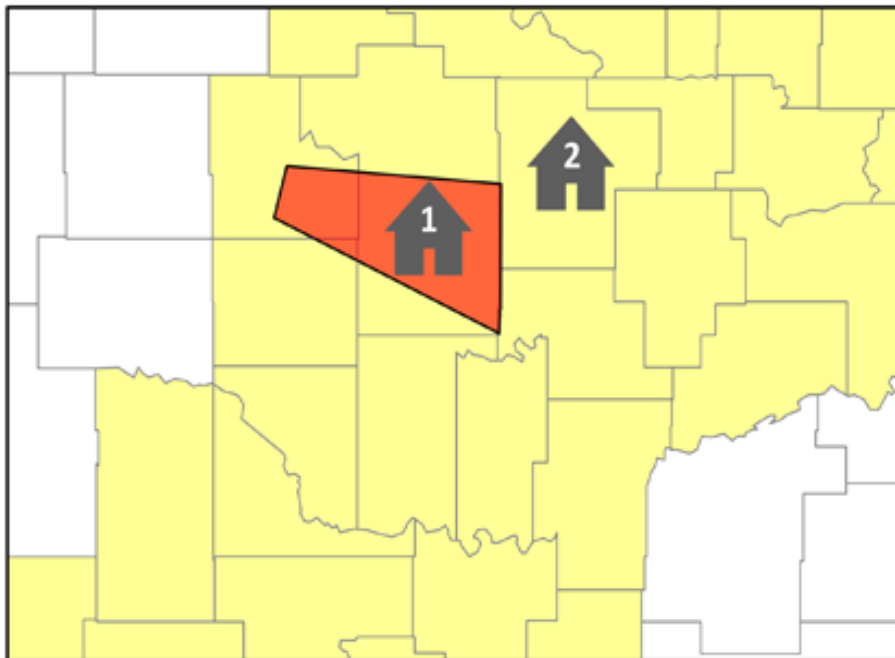
Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:50 am

Flood Safety Awareness Week: March 19-25

Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 18-24

Ohio's Winter Safety Awareness Week: November 12-18

Severe Weather– Watch vs Warning



<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/tornado/ww.shtml>

Tornado Products

1 Tornado Warning

Tornado expected! Seek shelter.
A tornado is occurring or will shortly at this location on the map.

2 Tornado Watch

Tornado possible. Be prepared.
Weather conditions favor thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes at this location on the map.

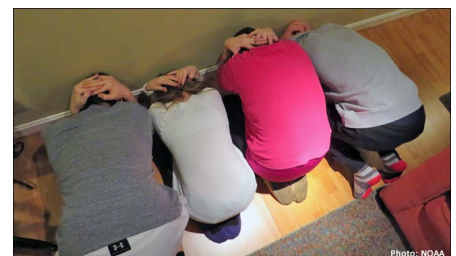



Photo: NOAA

Severe thunderstorm and tornado watches are for larger areas as is shown with #2. They mean that severe thunderstorms or tornadoes are possible, be prepared. These products typically run for several hours and ideally are issued before severe thunderstorms or tornadoes develop. Severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings are smaller and in the shape of polygons as is shown in #1 above. A severe thunderstorm or tornado warning means that severe weather or a tornado is occurring or will be shortly.




Silver Snowflake Award * 2000 Daily Precipitation Reports

Congratulations to our new Silver Snowflake Award members! These individuals have reported over 2000 daily precipitation reports. You should receive your award certificate in the mail soon! Thank you for your daily dedication to CoCoRaHS!

OH-AS-2	OH-FR-22	OH-SC-4
OH-SH-10	OH-SH-11	

Bronze Observer Award 1000 Daily Precipitation Reports

Congratulations to our new Bronze Observer Award members! These individuals have reported over 1000 daily precipitation reports. You should receive your award certificate in the mail soon! Thank you for your daily dedication to CoCoRaHS!

OH-CM-9	OH-KN-4
OH-MS-2	

500 Club!

Congratulations to our newest 500 Club members! These observers have submitted at least 500 daily precipitation reports since becoming a CoCoRaHS observer. We look forward to adding onto this list with the next newsletter. Way to go!

OH-CN-16	OH-DL-13	OH-HY-9	OH-MY-39	OH-PT-17	OH-WD-19	OH-WR-19
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Winter 2016-2017 Honor Roll

From December 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, these Ohio stations reported everyday. Here are those stations who get a thumbs up for their dedication!

Not listed below, but thought you reported everyday? You can check your reports. There are multiple ways to do this. You can go into your account and click on list/edit my daily precipitation reports. This will show your reports everyday. You can also go into 'view data' at the top of the page and click on 'station precipitation summary report.' Input your station and the period of interest. The missing days will be shown with dash marks. If there are additional questions e-mail Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov.

OH-AL-5
OH-AT-1
OH-AT-5
OH-AT-12
OH-CB-2
OH-CC-1
OH-CK-1
OH-CK-11
OH-CM-7
OH-CN-10
OH-CN-16

OH-CW-1
OH-CW-3
OH-CY-16
OH-CY-24
OH-CY-39
OH-DL-8
OH-DL-10
OH-DL-12
OH-DR-1
OH-ER-8
OH-ER-14

OH-ER-18
OH-FR-3
OH-FR-22
OH-GG-4
OH-GR-13
OH-HD-14
OH-HM-13
OH-HM-24
OH-HY-5
OH-JC-4
OH-KN-4

OH-LK-9
OH-LR-8
OH-LS-22
OH-LS-23
OH-MC-7
OH-MD-1
OH-MD-2
OH-MH-10
OH-MM-1
OH-MY-5
OH-MY-17

OH-MY-34
OH-MY-39
OH-PB-1
OH-PT-2
OH-PT-8
OH-PT-12
OH-PT-17
OH-SD-2
OH-SH-15
OH-SM-4
OH-SM-5

OH-SM-22
OH-SN-3
OH-TR-4
OH-TS-8
OH-WD-12
OH-WD-14
OH-WL-5
OH-WN-1
OH-WR-10
OH-WR-14

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www.cocorahs.org



Helpful Links for Ohio CoCoRaHS Observers

Obtain replacement or extra equipment from our official suppliers:

<http://www.weatheryourway.com/cocorahs/store.html>

<http://www.ambientweather.com/strgloteprra.html>

For information on Climate:

<http://www.geography.ohio-state.edu/faculty/rogers/statclim.html>

<http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/>

For Current Forecasts and Severe Weather Warnings:

<http://www.weather.gov>

For river information:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps/>

For drought information:

<http://droughtreporter.unl.edu/>

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



What to do during a tornado?



- **Stay Weather-Ready:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated about tornado watches and warnings.
- **At Your House:** If you are in a tornado warning, go to your basement, safe room, or an interior room away from windows. Don't forget pets.
- **At Your Workplace or School:** Follow your tornado drill and proceed to your tornado shelter location quickly and calmly. Stay away from windows and do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gymnasiums, or auditoriums.
- **Outside:** Seek shelter inside a sturdy building immediately if a tornado is approaching. Sheds and storage facilities are not safe.
- **In a vehicle:** Being in a vehicle during a tornado is not safe. The best course of action is to drive to the closest shelter. If you are unable to make it to a safe shelter, either get down in your car and cover your head, or abandon your car and seek shelter in a low lying area such as a ditch or ravine.

Credit to and more information can be found here: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/tornado/during.shtml>