



NWS Des Moines Storm Spotter Reference

Sign-up to be a Spotter

Sign up or update your info online at www.weather.gov/dmx/registration

Once your information has been received, your application will be confirmed and a spotter number assigned via email. Please allow up to one month for a reply.



What to Report

Strong wind (Measured at 50 mph or greater)

Storm damage, including:

- Trees down (snapped or uprooted? diameter?)
- Branches broken (diameter?)
- Power poles down
- Structural damage

Hail (all sizes)

Wall Clouds or **Funnel Clouds** (Rotation, movement and consistency of inflow are important)

Tornadoes (rotation, debris?)

Injuries/Fatalities

Heavy rain (1" or more per hour)

Unusual water issues, including:

- Floating/stalled cars
- Water on roads (flowing? depth? trend?)
- Unusual road closures
- Flooded buildings

Snowfall or **ice** accumulations and hazardous road
Condition reports are also appreciated.

How to Report

Say:

Who? [Source...trained spotter]

What? [What are you seeing? Convey uncertainty]

Where? [Reference the nearest city, street, or lat/lon]

When? [If in the past, relay time of event]

Damage? [Be descriptive]

Contact NWS via:

Phone: **800-SKYWARN (800-759-9276)**

Text or email, including pictures/video:

nws.desmoines@noaa.gov or **515-207-2615**

Twitter & Facebook: **@NWSDesMoines #iawx**

Online form: inws.ncep.noaa.gov/report

Amateur Radio: **KØDMX**

Sources of Information

National Weather Service Des Moines
NWS Radar

For NWS Des Moines Storm Spotters
Facebook

twitter

youtube

Storm Prediction Center

ISU - Iowa Environmental Mesonet

CoCoRaHS Network

www.weather.gov/desmoines

www.weather.gov/radarliteloop?radarid=KDMX

www.weather.gov/dmx/stormspotting

facebook.com/NWSDesMoines

twitter.com/NWSDesMoines

youtube.com/NWSDesMoines

www.spc.noaa.gov

<http://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu>

www.cocorahs.org

