

Spotter Reporting Information

What to Report:

Tornado, hail (any size), high winds, flooding, funnel cloud or wall cloud

- Storm damage (from tornado, wind, hail, flooding or lightning)
- Storm related injuries

How to Report:

Storm reports hotline: **1-800-846-1828** (for severe reports only)

- Ham radio network (Saltgrass), NWS call sign **WX5HGX**
- **For photos, video**
 - o Office email account: sr-hgx.nws@noaa.gov
 - o Twitter: @NWSHouston

Do not use the hotline for any purpose other than severe reports. For more routine calls or questions you can dial **281-337-5074 ext. 6** for forecaster or **ext. 223** for Dan Reilly, dan.reilly@noaa.gov.

Web/Social Media:

Houston/Galveston NWS Office Homepage: www.weather.gov/houston

Follow us on Twitter: [@NWSHouston](https://twitter.com/NWSHouston)

Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NWSHouston>

Youtube: NWSHouston: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NWSHouston>

Helpful Weather Links for SKYWARN Spotters:

Mobile links:

<http://mobile.weather.gov>

<http://innovation.srh.noaa.gov/NWSwidget>,

<http://innovation.srh.noaa.gov/erhtoolhgx> **** (locally developed)

Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO): <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/productview.php?pil=HGXHWOHGX>

Convective Outlooks – Storm Prediction Center (SPC): www.spc.noaa.gov

Additional Training Online:

Spotter Guide: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/brochures/SGJune6-11.pdf>

Online Skywarn COMET modules: https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23

Other Skywarn Resources/Traning Schedule: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx/?n=skywarn>

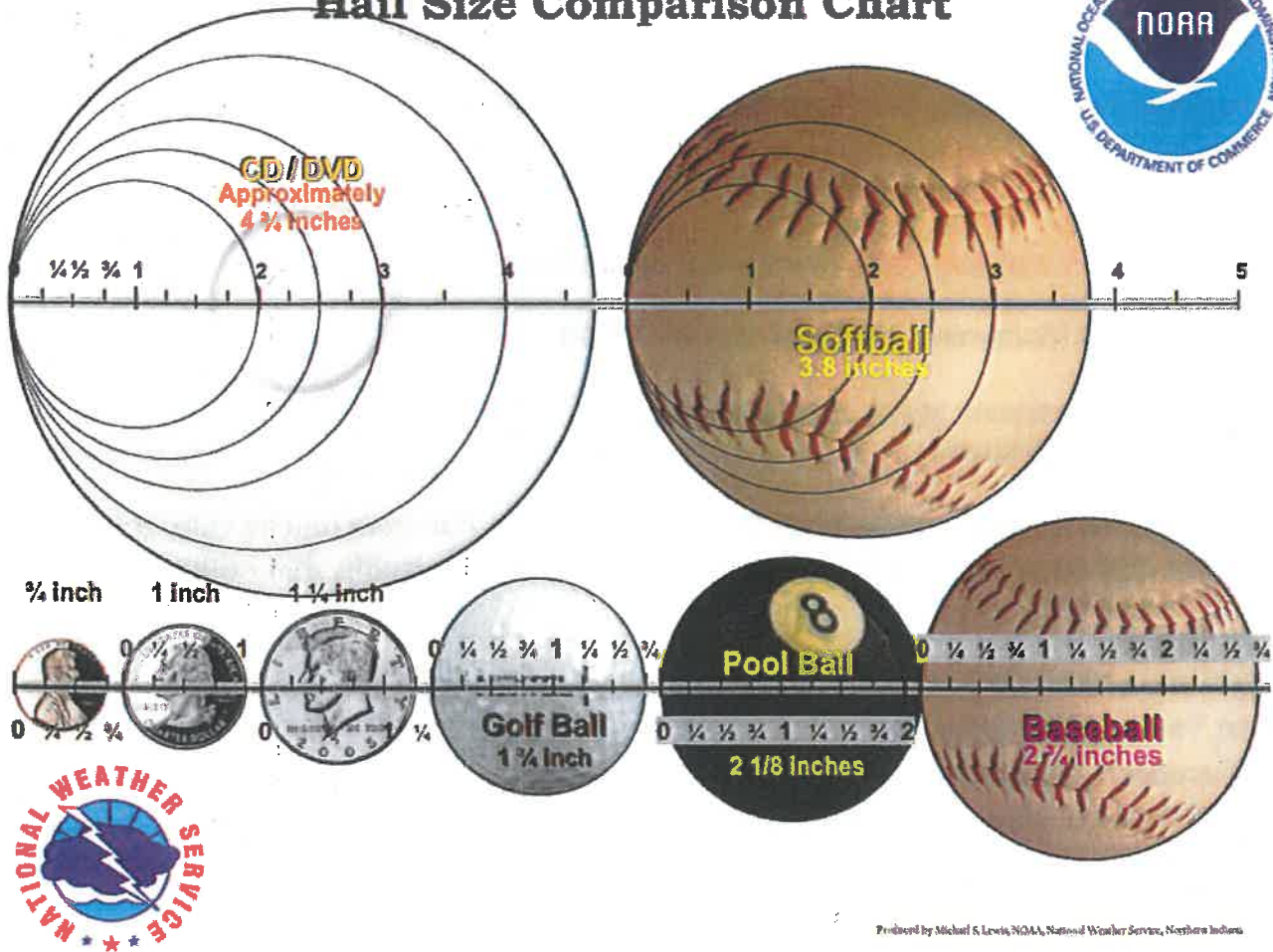
Cloud Poster: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jetstream/downloads/cloudchart.pdf>

Weather Apps (warnings, radar): Numerous; check Google Play or Appstore

My contact info: dan.reilly@noaa.gov

CoCoRaHS rainfall network: www.cocorahs.org

Hail Size Comparison Chart



Produced by Michael S. Lewis, NOAA, National Weather Service, Northern Indiana

Dime/Penny	0.75
Nickel	0.88
Quarter	1.00
Half Dollar	1.25
Ping Pong	1.50
Golf Ball	1.75
Hen Egg	2.00
Tennis Ball	2.50
Baseball	2.75
Tea Cup	3.00
Grapefruit	4.00
Softball	4.50