



NOAA/NWS Dispatch Reference

Severe Weather Reports & Communication with the NWS

How to contact NOAA/National Weather Service – Burlington, VT

Serving Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence counties in NY as well as ALL of VT
(except Bennington/Windham counties – NWS Albany, NY)

Spotter Line: 802-863-4279

Public Line: 802-862-2475

Email: nwsbtv.info@noaa.gov (Monitored 24x7)

All Reports Should Include...

<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
When did it occur? Is it still happening right now?	As detailed as possible	What happened?	Spotter? Officer? Public?

Specific Follow-up Questions

ALL	→ Any storm-related injuries or fatalities?
Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → What is the extent of damage? → Trees damaged? Uprooted? How many? Size? Blown in the same direction? → Utility lines damaged? Structures damaged? → Is the reported wind speed MEASURED or ESTIMATED?
Hail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → What is the size of the LARGEST hail stone? → When it's safe, use a ruler or measuring tape. → Otherwise, compare to a coin; dime, penny, nickel, quarter, half dollar, dollar, golf ball, tennis ball, baseball, etc. - no "marble-size" reports! → Any damage to vehicles, structures, crops?
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Is this flooding unusual? Is water stationary or moving? → Is there water across a road? How deep? Roads closed? → What is the name of the river or stream? → Potential cause? – Heavy rain, ice jam? → Washouts/mudslides? Any water rescues?
Tornado (Rare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do (Did) you see visible, persistent rotation and rising motion? How long? (<u>Persistent rotation</u> is important) → Is the funnel in contact with the ground, or just aloft? → Do you see debris? Is there any damage? Blown in the same or different directions?

