



## Reporting Tip Sheet

### **How to Report**

- Email [ONstorm@canada.ca](mailto:ONstorm@canada.ca)
- Twitter with hashtag #ONstorm

### **What Your Report Should Contain**

- Who – your name, contact number
- Where – your location and approx. location of what you are reporting
- What – describe what are witnessing/what you witnessed
- When – time of occurrence of event and duration
- Movement – where phenomenon came from and where it is going
- Confidence level

### **What to Report – Summer**

- Large Hail (use coins to describe size...nickel, quarter, loonie, golf ball, etc.)
- Heavy rain that has resulted in local flooding
- Damaging winds (from tree damage to more significant structural damage)
- Funnel Cloud
- Waterspout
- Tornado

### **What to Report – Winter**

- Dense fog – visibility less than 1 km
- Any occurrence of freezing rain or freezing drizzle
- Heavily accumulating snow (2 or more cm/hr); snow amounts
- Whiteout conditions in snow/blowing snow (visibility near zero)
- Rapid freezing of water on road surfaces

### **Websites of interest:**

US National Weather Service Spotter Guide:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/bis/Weather\\_Spotter\\_Field\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/bis/Weather_Spotter_Field_Guide.pdf)

National Weather Service Spotter Glossary: <https://www.weather.gov/oun/spotterglossary>

Environment and Climate Change Canada Lightning Safety:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/lightning/safety.html>

