



# National Weather Service Shreveport Spotter Information

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## SEVERE WEATHER REPORTING PROCEDURES:

What to report...	
TORNADOES FUNNEL CLOUDS WALL CLOUDS	Organized, persistent rotation, visible debris, or if base not visible funnel extends to the tree line.
HAIL	Half Inch in diameter or larger (dime size)
DAMAGING WINDS	Large branches, trees, powerlines, or signs blown down. Roof damage.
FLOODING	Flooding of streets or highways. Is it posing a risk to life or property?
WINTER WEATHER	Any ice/snow accumulation
LIGHTNING	Injuries or damage caused by lightning

How to report...	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep your report <b>very brief</b></li> <li>• <b>Identify yourself</b> as a trained spotter</li> <li>• Give your <b>exact location</b></li> <li>• Tell us <b>what</b> you saw</li> <li>• Give the event's <b>time</b></li> </ul>	<p>If you are in doubt as to whether or not an event is severe, <b>make the report anyway.</b></p> <p>Never assume someone has already made the report!</p>

## Beaufort Wind Scale

Description	MPH	Conditions
Strong Breeze	25- 31	Large branches in motion. Whistling heard in overhead wires. Umbrella use becomes difficult.
High wind,	32-38	Whole trees in motion. Effort needed to walk against the wind
Gale	39-46	Some twigs broken from trees. Cars veer on road. Progress on foot is seriously impeded.
Strong gale	47-54	Some branches break off trees, and some small trees blow over. Construction/temporary signs and barricades blow over.
whole gale	55-63	Trees are broken off or uprooted, structural damage likely.
Violent storm	54-72	Widespread vegetation and structural damage likely.
Hurricane force	>72	Severe widespread damage to vegetation and structures. Debris and unsecured objects are hurled about.

REPORT SEVERE WEATHER ANY TIME: Call: 1.800.551.8338 Or Report Online:  
<http://www.weather.gov/shv/submitLSR?site=shv>  
 or use the QR code to the right >>>>



On Facebook & Twitter: **NWSShreveport**  
 Through Email... **SR-SHV.Skywarn@noaa.gov**



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PDF of our Weather Spotter's Field Guide <https://go.usa.gov/xnDYC>

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[spotternetwork.org](http://spotternetwork.org)

### Monitor...

- Hazardous Weather Outlook
- 7-Day Forecast
- SPC Convective Outlook
- Short-Term Forecast
- Watches/Warnings

### Our Office Address...

5655 Hollywood Ave.  
Shreveport, LA 71118

### For Routine Weather Information, Call...

318.631.3669  
(Monday-Friday 8am - 4pm)

### Who to Contact...

Meteorologist-in-Charge:  
Mario Valverde  
[Mario.Valverde@noaa.gov](mailto:Mario.Valverde@noaa.gov)

Warning Coordination Meteorologist:  
Charlie Woodrum  
[Charles.Woodrum@noaa.gov](mailto:Charles.Woodrum@noaa.gov)

## Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories

**Thunderstorms (no label)**  
\* No severe thunderstorms expected \*  
Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms

**1 - Marginal (MRGL)**  
**Isolated severe thunderstorms possible**  
Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity

**2 - Slight (SLGT)**  
**Scattered severe storms possible**  
Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible

**3 - Enhanced (ENH)**  
**Numerous severe storms possible**  
More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense

**4 - Moderate (MDT)**  
**Widespread severe storms likely**  
Long-lived, widespread and intense

**5 - High (High)**  
**Widespread severe storms expected**  
Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense

## HAM Radio

- K5SHV, N5SHV 146.670 (-600) Tone 186.2
- Dstar W5SHV 442.000 (+5.000) in range of the SHV repeater
- Dstar Reflector 48 B out of the coverage area of the repeater.

### NOAA Weather Radio

STATION	LOCATION	FREQ. (MHZ)
WXJ65	Broken Bow, OK	162.450
WNG650	Center, TX	162.525
WNG725	El Dorado AR	162.525
KWN32	Gilmer, TX	162.425
WXK23	Lufkin, TX	162.550
WNG653	Marietta, TX	162.525
WXJ96	Monroe, LA	162.550
WXN87	Natchitoches, LA	162.500
WXJ97	Shreveport, LA	162.400
WXJ49	Texarkana, TX	162.550
WXK36	Tyler, TX	162.475

### Hail Size Description

Dime	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "
Penny	3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Nickel	7 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Quarter	1 "
Half Dollar	1 1 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Golf Ball	1 3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Billiard Ball	2 1 <sup>8</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Tennis Ball	2 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Baseball	2 3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "
Softball	3 8 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>10</sub> "
CD Disk	4 3 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "