



# Reporting Tip Sheet

## **How to Report**

- In Ontario, tweets that include hashtag #onstorm or email to [onstorm@ec.gc.ca](mailto:onstorm@ec.gc.ca), [meteooc@ec.gc.ca](mailto:meteooc@ec.gc.ca)
- Reporting in other provinces and territories, follow link below [Reporting severe weather: overview - Canada.ca](#)

## **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 – Spring/Summer**

- Large Hail (use coins to describe size...nickel, quarter, loonie for larger hail...golf ball etc..)
- Heavy rain that has resulted in local flooding
- Damaging winds (damage from tree branches down to more significant tree or structural damage)
- Funnel Cloud
- Waterspout
- Tornado
- Dense fog – visibility less than 1 km

## **What to Report – Fall/Winter**

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