

## LICKING CO. SKYWARN™ NET ACTIVATION PROCEDURE

The Licking County Skywarn™ Net is activated whenever the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Tornado Watch/Warning, Severe Thunderstorm Watch/Warning, High Wind Advisory/Warning or a Flood Warning for Licking County, Ohio. The net may also be activated in standby mode if Severe Thunderstorm, High Wind or Tornado Warnings are issued for adjacent counties, even if no watches or warnings are in effect for Licking County. Upon activation, the net control operator (or a designee) shall act as liaison to the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network (C.O.S.W.N.).

The NWS is normally in touch with C.O.S.W.N. before any thunderstorms reach severe limits. However, due to the fast-building nature of some thunderstorms, this may not always be the case. If you spot possible severe weather, contact the ARES Emergency Coordinator or an Assistant Emergency Coordinator immediately. They will assess the current conditions and contact the appropriate agency or agencies as needed.

The LC Skywarn™ Net is a directed net and is NOT to be used for obtaining general weather information. It is ONLY to be used to report severe or extreme weather. Radio silence must be maintained by all stations unless they have severe weather to report. If a general weather forecast is needed, please tune to NOAA weather radio or other local media source.

What to Report:

Condition **GREEN**: Tornado/Thunderstorm Watch or High Wind Advisory  
MEASURED RAINFALL  
GUST FRONT ARRIVAL  
APPROACHING THUNDERSTORMS  
TORRENTIAL RAIN (with near 0 visibility)

Condition **YELLOW**: Severe Thunderstorm Warning or High Wind Warning  
Any of the above, plus  
DAMAGING WINDS (gusts 58 mph or higher)  
HAIL ½ to ¾ in. diameter  
FLOODING (Over curbs or roadways)

Condition **RED**: Tornado Warning  
Any of the above, plus  
FUNNEL CLOUD  
TORNADO (on the ground)  
DAMAGING WINDS (over 58 mph, sustained)  
HAIL ¾ in. diameter or larger

**SPOTTERS SHOULD OTHERWISE MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE!!!**

**Note:** Nowhere in this list is there any mention that we want reports of "the sun is out here", or "it has quit (or is not) raining here". If the net control operators want these types of reports, they will specifically ask for them.