

SKYWARN NET CONTROLLER'S GUIDE

NWS Ham Station Call Sign: WX2BGM NWS Skywarn Phone: 1-800-SKY-2992 or
(1-800-759-2992)

For the purpose of Skywarn nets, "reportable" weather conditions are as follows:

1. Any Tornado, funnel cloud or wall cloud observed.
 2. Winds in excess of 35MPH (measured or estimated using Beaufort Scale).
 3. Report any hail, include size and duration (DO NOT USE "marble" for sizes).
 4. Report rain in excess of 1 inch per hour (ONLY IF MEASURED, PLEASE).
 5. Any flooding (except normal ponding of water).
 6. Downed tree limbs, trees or power lines (give estimated size of the limb or tree trunk).
 7. Any other specific information requested by the National Weather Service.
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Generic outline for a Skywarn Net

Open the net, state the situation.....

This is _____ {your call sign}. The National Weather Service at Binghamton has requested activation of a Skywarn net. There is a _____ {state as they apply: Severe Thunderstorm Warning, Tornado Watch or Warning, High Wind Warning, Winter Storm Warning, ect...} issued for Tompkins County. This is a directed net and all traffic should go through this station. We will now pause for any Emergency Traffic.

Take and log any emergency traffic reports, get specific location and conditions.

Are there any stations experiencing severe weather at this time?

Take and log non-emergency check-ins and location.

Stations wishing to check into the Skywarn net may do so at this time, call sign and location please.

Setup liaison station (able to contact NWS Hub station; Broome County (see frequencies below).

Is there a station that can act as liaison station if needed?

Remind spotters to check out of the net if they must leave.

Please remember to contact net control to check out if you must leave the net.

Closing the net.

The National Weather Service has requested deactivation of the Tompkins County Skywarn net. Thank you all for participating, spotters please check out now to net control. Try to account for all last known active spotters. We now return this repeater to normal amateur operation. Thank you and 73. This is _____ {your call sign}.

Call WX2BGM and give reports and total number of participants.

New liaison frequency: 147.00 (-) 71.9 PL or 147.225 (+) 71.9 PL (These repeaters are linked.)