

Weather Spotter Checklist

ITEMS TO HAVE WITH YOU FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SPOTTING

REQUIRED ITEMS

- ✍ County or site Map
- ✍ Radio or other communications equipment
- ✍ Clipboard, paper and pen
- ✍ Identification – ARES/ESDA ID, drivers license, vehicle placards

STRONGLY SUGGESTED ITEMS

- ✍ Report forms or a micro cassette/digital voice recorder to keep logs with
- ✍ Wind gage, ruler, compass or GPS
- ✍ Flash light with extra batteries and bulbs

RECOMMENDED

- ✍ Binoculars or small telescope
- ✍ Rain coat that is bright colored or worn with orange vest

OPTIONAL

- ✍ Folding chair or lawn chair
- ✍ Snacks, non-alcoholic drinks
- ✍ Video or film camera, with extra tapes, batteries and film
- ✍ Fire extinguisher and first aid kit
- ✍ Spare fuses, paper towels, insect repellent

VEHICLE PREPARATION FOR SPOTTING

EVERY TIME YOU GO OUT

- ✍ Fill the gas tank – Champaign County is large
- ✍ Check your windshield wipers – it's going to rain on you
- ✍ Check your tires – tread, pressure, and spare
- ✍ Put a fresh coat of Rain-X on if you have time

AT THE BEGINNING OF STORM SEASON, AND OCCASIONALLY THEREAFTER

- ✍ Make sure the lights all work: headlights, flashers, turn signal, brake/backup
- ✍ Check your fluid levels: oil, coolant, brake, battery and windshield cleaner
- ✍ Inspect your radios, coax, power connectors, antenna and antenna connectors