



CoCoRaHS Collections

"Because Every Drop Counts"

The Ohio Newsletter

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Approved CoCoRaHS Gauges

There are a lot of rain gauges out there and it can be really confusing. Are you using the right one? What are the types of gauges that are approved for use when submitting your CoCoRaHS observations? These rain gauges have been field-tested and meet accuracy standards established by the National Weather Service (NWS). There are three! Stratus, TROPO, and the Standard Rain Gauge (SRG). The Stratus is the most common gauge in the network and meets the minimum requirements set by the NWS to be within +/-4% of the SRG in all types of weather. This is the most affordable gauge. The TROPO gauge field testing has demonstrated the TROPO gauge is accurate and incorporates extra features such as greater capacity, a new mounting bracket, and multiple mounting options. The 8-inch SRG is used by NWS is standardized design used throughout the world for official rainfall measurements. It is not commonly used other than for co-located COOP stations associated with the NWS. Pictures of the three are below and the first two can be found on the www.cocorahs.org website and other places online. Any of these 3 gauges pictured below and mentioned above are perfectly fine to use!

All rain gauges are not the same. There are a number of "off brand" 4-inch gauges available online, including Outback Blue and others. These are not approved for CoCoRaHS use. Gauges commonly found in hardware stores, home stores, and garden centers are usually not calibrated to measure to the nearest 0.01 inch nor do they have the capacity of the 4 inch manual gauge. Digital/electronic rain gauges are also not approved for use. You may include the measurement from your automated gauge in your observation notes if you have one, but CoCoRaHS measurements must be done using the 4 inch manual gauge.



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Training Resources:

There are great training resources on the www.cocorahs.org webpage on the left-hand side under resources. Look for training slide-shows and videos for training on every aspect of CoCoRaHS. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to any coordinator listed here: https://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=coord_OH

Ohio CoCoRaHS Awards

Diamond Dendrite Award

Special welcome to the Diamond Dendrite award level for these observers that have submitted 5,000 daily precipitation amounts. Award certificates will be sent via email.

OH-CY-24

OH-MY-17

OH-MY-18

OH-SM-22

Golden Raindrop Award

Congratulations to our new Golden Raindrop Award members! These individuals have reported over 3000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email.

OH-CC-4

OH-CN-15

OH-CY-42

OH-ER-24

OH-GR-13

OH-GR-15

OH-MH-21

OH-RS-8

Silver Snowflake Award

Congratulations to our Silver Snowflake Award members! These individuals have reported over 2000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email.

OH-AS-8

OH-AT-28

OH-DL-31

OH-FF-26

OH-FF-29

OH-GR-37

OH-HC-21

OH-HM-56

OH-LR-25

OH-WN-14

OH-WR-40

Bronze Observer Award

Congratulations to our Bronze Observer Award members! These individuals have reported over 1000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email.

OH-CM-31

OH-FR-158

OH-FR-159

OH-GG-14

OH-HG-12

OH-HM-86

OH-HM-99

OH-MA-13

OH-MM-21

OH-PT-25

OH-OT-11

OH-SM-46

OH-ST-11

OH-WS-14

500 Club

Congratulations to our 500 club members! These individuals have reported over 500 daily precipitation reports. We look forward to adding onto this list with the next newsletter.

OH-CM-32

OH-FF-56

OH-FL-23

OH-FR-175

OH-LK-24

OH-MD-22

OH-MW-8

OH-PC-9

OH-PT-27

OH-WR-72

Spring 2026 Honor Roll

From March 1, 2026 to May 31, 2065, these Ohio stations reported everyday. Here are those stations who get a thumbs up for their dedication! Not listed below, but thought you reported everyday? You can check your reports. There are multiple ways to do this. You can go into your account and click on list/edit my daily precipitation reports. This will show your reports everyday. You can also go into 'view data' at the top of the page and click on 'station precipitation summary report.' Input your station and the period of interest. The missing days will be shown with dash marks. If there are additional questions e-mail Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov

OH-AB-21	OH-CR-8	OH-FF-59	OH-GR-44	OH-LC-26	OH-MK-12	OH-PB-1	OH-SN-3
OH-AD-5	OH-CW-6	OH-FF-61	OH-GR-49	OH-LC-28	OH-MK-13	OH-PC-10	OH-ST-12
OH-AL-5	OH-CY-24	OH-FL-13	OH-GR-50	OH-LG-12	OH-MM-13	OH-PT-12	OH-TR-13
OH-AS-8	OH-CY-48	OH-FL-16	OH-GY-17	OH-LR-27	OH-MM-14	OH-PT-17	OH-TR-4
OH-AT-21	OH-CY-79	OH-FR-158	OH-HC-12	OH-LR-48	OH-MM-27	OH-PT-2	OH-TS-28
OH-BR-18	OH-DL-12	OH-FR-160	OH-HD-14	OH-LR-8	OH-MM-29	OH-PT-24	OH-UN-4
OH-BT-1	OH-DL-31	OH-FR-162	OH-HG-8	OH-LS-23	OH-MN-3	OH-PT-25	OH-WD-14
OH-BT-34	OH-DL-35	OH-FR-2	OH-HM-107	OH-LS-41	OH-MS-7	OH-PT-27	OH-WD-26
OH-BT-57	OH-DR-1	OH-FR-3	OH-HM-13	OH-LW-8	OH-MW-8	OH-RC-17	OH-WD-33
OH-CB-10	OH-DR-18	OH-FR-75	OH-HM-56	OH-MA-9	OH-MY-106	OH-RC-18	OH-WL-5
OH-CB-18	OH-DR-31	OH-FR-8	OH-HM-69	OH-MC-7	OH-MY-17	OH-RS-17	OH-WN-14
OH-CB-31	OH-DR-35	OH-FY-5	OH-HM-75	OH-MD-1	OH-MY-18	OH-RS-8	OH-WR-34
OH-CB-8	OH-DR-7	OH-FY-8	OH-HM-80	OH-MD-10	OH-MY-34	OH-SD-2	OH-WR-70
OH-CC-4	OH-ER-18	OH-GG-11	OH-HM-99	OH-MD-16	OH-MY-39	OH-SH-11	OH-WS-14
OH-CC-8	OH-ER-48	OH-GG-21	OH-HY-14	OH-MD-19	OH-MY-5	OH-SH-13	OH-WS-16
OH-CM-21	OH-ER-8	OH-GG-4	OH-HY-7	OH-MH-10	OH-MY-9	OH-SH-15	
OH-CN-10	OH-FF-24	OH-GG-7	OH-HY-9	OH-MH-11	OH-MY-91	OH-SH-20	
OH-CN-26	OH-FF-25	OH-GR-26	OH-JC-6	OH-MH-21	OH-MY-95	OH-SM-22	
OH-CN-6	OH-FF-43	OH-GR-37	OH-KN-4	OH-MH-26	OH-OT-11	OH-SM-39	

Did you know?

Your data is important to so many people. Thousands of observers report across the country and beyond each day, it really is amazing. In addition, after 100 observations your data becomes part of the climate history of the U.S. Due to your data doing all these amazing things CoCoRaHS has a quality control process in place because mistakes happen or maybe there isn't a mistake and we just need a little more information. Don't take offense or be caught off guard if a coordinator contacts you needing a little more information about a report. It is because we care both about you and your time. There is so much to weather and data. Sometimes we just need a little more information to sort it all out. Thank you again for being such an amazing group of observers!

Helpful Links for Ohio CoCoRaHS Observers

Obtain replacement or extra equipment:

<https://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=store>

For information on climate:

<https://climate.osu.edu/>

<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

For current forecasts and severe weather warnings:

<https://www.weather.gov/>

For river information:

<https://water.noaa.gov/>

For drought information:

<https://droughtreporter.unl.edu/map/>

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Enter My New Reports

- [Daily Precipitation](#)
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- [Condition Monitoring Report](#)
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- [Ice Accretion - Pilot](#)
- [FROST Reports](#)
- [Frost](#)
- [Optics](#)
- [Snowflake](#)
- [Thunder](#)

Multi-Day Reports and More!

We thank you for your daily precipitation reports! Just a reminder if you are away from your gauge at your observation time and the rainfall in your gauge is more than 24 hours then to use the multi-day form. Also, there are other forms you can fill out for things like hail and flooding, take a look at the additional forms. There are several neat aspects. Need more info, there is great training on the www.cocorahs.org website or reach out to your regional or state coordinator.

Are You Moving?

Are you moving? Don't forget to pack your CoCoRaHS gauge. They travel really well and get sad when they are left behind. Did you know whether you are moving across the county or across the United States you need a new station ID? Your station ID is specifically tied to your location. Give me a shout at Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov if you are moving and I can set you up with a new ID and close your old station ID when you are ready to do so. The good news is you don't need a new account, just a new ID, so your login information will not change. Do you have multiple gauges (maybe a farmer, teacher, or have one at another workplace in addition to your home gauge), you can have multiple station IDs for the different locations if you have multiple gauges.