

## Skywarn Script

This is W4XXX placing this Skywarn Repeater in the standby mode due to the potential of severe weather. While we are operating in the standby mode the repeater remains open for regular amateur radio use. We ask that those using the repeater, please keep your transmission brief and please pause between transmissions in the event that a "Skywarn Spotter" may have weather information to pass.

We are not in a directed net and therefore are not taking check-ins but if you have weather information to pass, please call W4XXX our Skywarn coordinator or designee at this time...pause.

We are looking for information on conditions such as:

*Tornadoes*

*Funnel Clouds*

*Wall Clouds*

*Hail of any size*

*Rain in excess of 1 inch per hour*

*Flooding*

*Snow in excess of 3"*

*Any ice accumulation*

*Winds in excess of 50 MPH (damaging winds that less than 50 miles per hour that are downing trees or causing structure damage to buildings or homes)*

*If you have any of these conditions to report, please call W4XXX now.*

Do we have a station to go to the 146.000 repeater (repeater closer to the watch area) and let them know that we have Skywarn in the "Standby Mode on this frequency?

If conditions require or if requested by the NWS office in Blacksburg, place the net in the directed net mode and request that "all stations that are not participating in Skywarn, please standby for the duration of the net". Also direct that all stations call and be recognized by net control before transmitting.

Phone critical information to the NWS office at 1-800-221-2856 or 1540-522-0084. If information is not of a critical nature, enter it on a web-based form found at <http://www.w4ghs.org/Skywarn.html>.

The initial part of this script should be repeated every few minute to keep repeater users aware of Skywarn presence. This script is just a general guide.