

# May 4 Hailstorms in Western KY

Isolated severe thunderstorms produced large hail, up to baseball size, over parts of western Kentucky on May 4. At least one person was reportedly injured by falling hail. A person in Paducah received cuts and bruises from the hail.

The photos below were taken by Edna Pierce in and near Calvert City in Marshall County.



Photos below are from Katherine Thomasson, McCracken County Emergency Services. The photos were taken just west of Paducah.



The photos below were taken by Chris Noles just southwest of Paducah. The hail stripped trees of their leaves.



Photo of storm taken just southwest of Paducah, KY courtesy of Kirk Taylor.



- **Hailstorm 1:** A severe thunderstorm developed near Cairo, Illinois during the late morning hours, then proceeded east across Paducah to the Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley area. The largest reported hail size by county included...
  - Ballard County: 1 inch (quarter size) at Barlow
  - McCracken County: 2.5 inch (tennis ball size) in Lone Oak
  - Livingston County: 1.25 inch (half dollar size) in Ledbetter
  - Marshall County 2.75 inch (baseball size) near Calvert City
  - Lyon County: 1.75 inch (golf ball size) just east of Barkley Dam
  - Damage included broken windshields and dented vehicles
- **Hailstorm 2:** A second severe thunderstorm developed near the Massac/Pope County line in southern Illinois early in the afternoon, then proceeded east across forested terrain of Livingston and Crittenden Counties to Madisonville. The largest reported hail size by county included:
  - Pope County: Nickel size 1 mile south of Eddyville
  - Crittenden County: 1.75 inch (golf ball size) at Shady Grove
  - Webster County: Nickel size at Providence
  - Hopkins County: 1.75 inch (golf ball size) at Nebo
  - Mclean County: Nickel size at Island

Other isolated hail reports occurred on May 4 across other parts of the region, but the vast majority were associated with these two hailstorms. Wind damage occurred in Marshall County, on and just east of Highway 641 between Draffenville and Gilbertsville. The following photos are courtesy of Duane Hawes, director of Marshall County Emergency Management.



A tree was blown down in Marion, KY with "Hailstorm 2" described above. Photo courtesy of Melissa Tabor.

