Hail Storm Verification: East Earl Township

Lancaster County, PA · **Thursday, November 12, 2026** · Storm passed approx. 12:35–1:00 PM EST, heaviest hail 12:40–12:50 PM

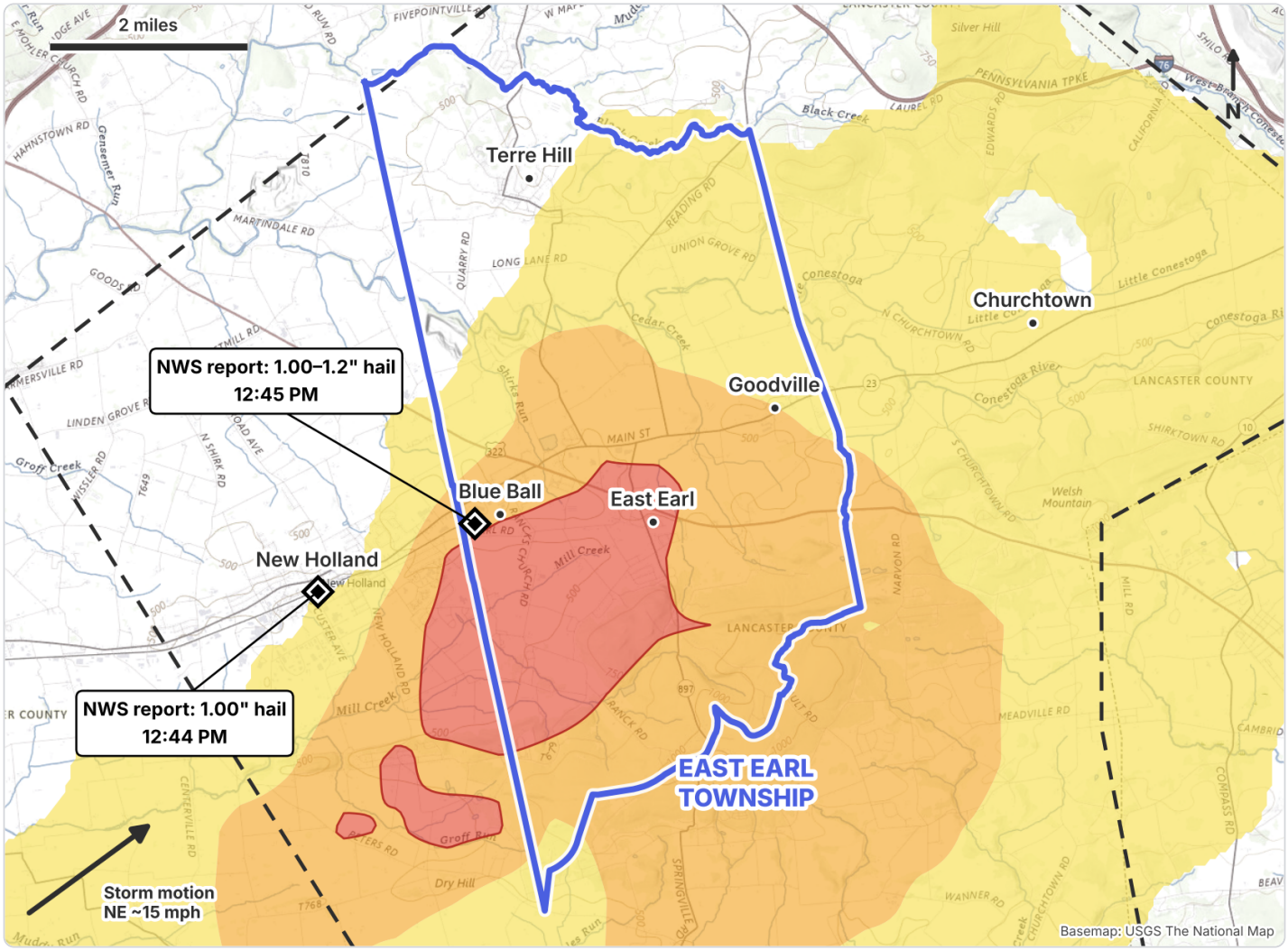
Prepared for: _____ Property address: _____ Inspection date: _____

1.0–1.2"
Hail reported on the ground 2 mi NE of New Holland, in the Blue Ball area
NWS REPORT · 12:45 PM

12:41 PM
Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued for northeastern Lancaster County
NWS STATE COLLEGE

0.94"
Largest radar-estimated hail over the township, between Blue Ball and East Earl
NOAA MRMS RADAR

~1/2
of East Earl Township under radar-estimated hail of ½" or larger
NOAA MRMS RADAR



Hail swath map. Colors show the radar-estimated maximum hail size (MESH) from NOAA's Multi-Radar/Multi-Sensor system, 12:20–1:50 PM EST on Nov 12, 2026. Diamonds mark official National Weather Service hail reports. The dashed line is the NWS Severe Thunderstorm Warning area issued at 12:41 PM. The blue outline is the East Earl Township boundary (U.S. Census).

The Official Record

Around midday on Thursday, November 12, 2026, a severe thunderstorm crossed eastern Lancaster County heading northeast. At 12:41 PM the National Weather Service (NWS) office in State College issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, placing the storm near New Holland and moving northeast at 15 mph with quarter-size (1") hail. Within minutes, the NWS logged two 1-inch hail reports: one in New Holland and one 2 miles northeast of town in the Blue Ball area, where the report noted most stones were about 1" with a maximum of 1.2". NOAA radar data shows the core of the hail swath tracking directly across East Earl Township between Blue Ball and the village of East Earl. The NWS office in Mount Holly, NJ also warned the same storm at 12:39 PM as it headed into Berks and Chester counties.

NWS SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING

Issued by	National Weather Service, State College, PA (warning #360), 12:41 PM EST → expired 1:15 PM
Area & storm	Northeastern Lancaster County. Storm near New Holland, moving northeast at 15 mph.
Hazard	Quarter-size hail (max 1.00"), radar indicated. NWS impact statement: damage to vehicles expected.
Communities named	Gap, Farmersville, New Holland, White Horse, **Blue Ball**, **Terre Hill**, **Goodville**, Fivepointville, Bowmansville, Churchtown
Follow-up, 1:13 PM	NWS reported the storm moving into Chester County and let the warning expire, noting hail and strong wind gusts were still possible with the storm.

GROUND REPORTS

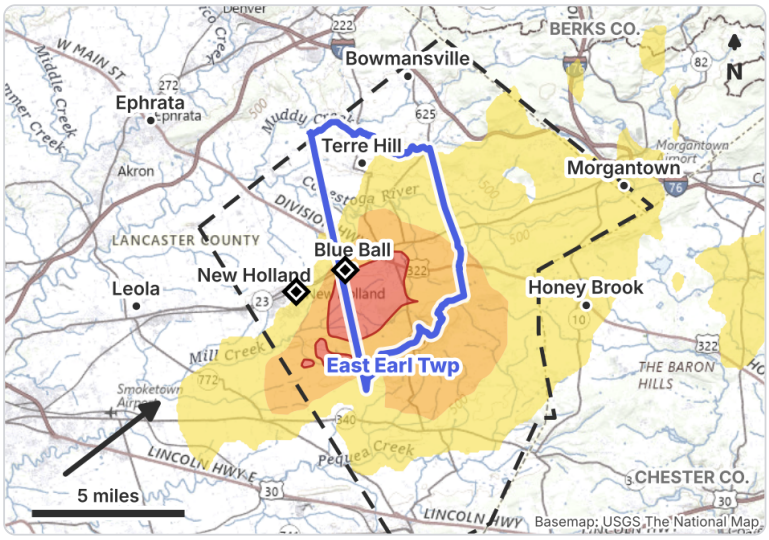
Time (EST)	Location	Hail size	Details
12:44 PM	New Holland, Lancaster Co.	**1.00"**	Several reports of 1" hail in and near New Holland (NWS / SPC)
12:45 PM	2 mi NE of New Holland (Blue Ball area)	**1.00"**, max 1.2"	Most hail around 1", largest about 1.2" (NWS / SPC)
1:15 PM	Morgantown, Berks Co.	0.25"	Pea-size hail as the storm continued northeast (NWS)
Nov 12	Blue Ball & New Holland	Photos	WGAL-TV published viewer photos of hail in Blue Ball and New Holland

RADAR HAIL ANALYSIS: EAST EARL TWP

Largest estimated hail	**0.94"** in the core between Blue Ball and East Earl village
Near key spots	Blue Ball 0.94" East Earl village 0.93" Goodville 0.64" Terre Hill 0.31"
Share of township	About 54% at ½" or larger; about 21% at ¾" or larger
Timing	Hail signal about 12:36 to 1:00 PM; largest sizes 12:40–12:50 PM

The radar estimate at Blue Ball (0.94") closely matches the roughly 1" hail reported on the ground there, so the radar and the ground reports agree.

STORM PATH



The storm tracked northeast through eastern Lancaster County, across East Earl Township, and on toward Honey Brook and Morgantown. Same legend as page 1.

What This Means for Your Home

Hail around 1 inch is large enough to dent and spatter soft metals, and it can bruise, crack, or knock granules off asphalt shingles, especially on older, weathered, or lighter-weight roofs. This kind of damage is usually not visible from the ground. A storm in your area does not mean your home was damaged. It means your home deserves a close, professional look.

WHAT WE INSPECT

- ✔ Shingles and ridge caps: bruising, fractures, granule loss
- ✔ Roof vents, pipe boots, and flashing: dents and splits
- ✔ Gutters, downspouts, and fascia wrap
- ✔ Window wraps, screens, and exterior trim
- ✔ Siding: cracked or holed vinyl, dented aluminum
- ✔ AC condenser fins and outdoor fixtures
- ✔ Decks, fences, and painted surfaces: spatter marks

YOUR NEXT STEPS

1. **Free storm inspection** by a HAAG Certified Inspector, roof and exterior.
2. **Photo documentation** of every finding, tied to this storm date.
3. **You decide on a claim.** If storm damage is found, you can file with your insurance company. Most policies require prompt notice, so check your policy's deadlines.
4. **We meet your adjuster** on site and provide a detailed, line-item repair estimate.

About The Helping Co. We're a locally owned roofing, exterior, and insurance restoration contractor serving Berks, Lancaster, and surrounding counties since 2019, led by Travis Frees, who has 20+ years in insurance restoration and exterior contracting.

HAAG Certified Inspector · IICRC Master Water Restorer · IICRC Master Fire & Smoke Restorer · IICRC Certified Firm · CertainTeed SELECT ShingleMaster · PA HIC #PA149251

Inspector _____ Homeowner _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT NOTES

This report summarizes publicly available weather records for the date and area shown. It verifies that a hail storm occurred. It does not confirm damage at any specific property; only a physical inspection can do that. Radar-estimated hail size (MESH) is NOAA's estimate of the largest hail likely to have fallen in each grid cell, which is roughly ½ to ¾ mile across. Actual hail at a given address may have been larger or smaller. Insurance coverage decisions are made by your insurance company under the terms of your policy.

SOURCES

1. National Weather Service, State College, PA: Severe Thunderstorm Warning #360 (12:41 PM EST) and Severe Weather Statement (1:13 PM EST), Nov 12, 2026. Archived at Iowa Environmental Mesonet.
2. National Weather Service, Mount Holly, NJ: Severe Thunderstorm Warning #379 (12:39 PM EST), Nov 12, 2026. Archive.
3. NOAA Storm Prediction Center: Storm Reports for Nov 12, 2026 (spc.noaa.gov), and NWS Local Storm Reports via Iowa Environmental Mesonet.
4. NOAA Multi-Radar/Multi-Sensor (MRMS) Maximum Estimated Size of Hail, 2-minute grids 12:20–1:48 PM EST, NOAA Open Data Dissemination (noaa-mrms-pds).
5. WGAL-TV, "Hail and strong winds hit parts of Lancaster County," Nov 12, 2026 (wgal.com).
6. U.S. Census Bureau TIGERweb (township and county boundaries); basemap from USGS The National Map.