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National Weather Service Office in Honolulu Hawaii Confirms New State Record Hailstone

The National Weather Service office in Honolulu in coordination with the State Climate Extremes Committee has confirmed that a new state hail size record was set during the early morning hours of March 9th, 2012.

It was on this date that a supercell thunderstorm parked itself over Windward Oahu and produced large hail that fell into both Kaneohe and Kailua. Numerous reports of 2 to 3 inch plus diameter hail were reported. The National Weather Service investigated a hail stone reportedly larger than 3 inches in diameter which was collected by a windward resident in the Aikahi Neighborhood. Upon inspecting the hailstone it was apparent the stone was much larger than 3 inches.

The final measurement of the hailstone was 4 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, 2 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches tall, and 2 inches wide. According to hail report records for Hawaii kept back to 1950 the previous state record hailstone was 1 inch in diameter.



4 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch hailstone collected on the morning of March 9th, 2012



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