



City of Ontario, Oregon

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Press Release Weather Event Update January 27, 2017

Cold temperatures have remained, which has prevented any fast snow melt. Forty to fifty percent of the cities storm drains have now been cleared by City Public Works and mutual aid partners from the Owyhee Irrigation District and the Ontario Farmers Supply Coop.

Cascades Gas would like to make everyone aware of the dangers of removing snow from alleys, homes, and streets. Natural gas meters have been covered by falling snow from the rooftops and plowing, making them extremely difficult to recognize while removing the snow. Meters and house piping have been hit recently, resulting ruptures and blowing gas. Please take extra care while removing the snow and in the event a meter is hit, call 1-888-522-1130 so Cascades Gas can respond accordingly. In the event there is blowing gas, dial 911.

The City of Ontario will continue to make sandbags available Friday, January 27, 2017 between the hours of 4 and 6 PM and Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 4 PM. Ontario Fire Station 2 is located at 3288 SW 4th Ave., Ontario, OR, 97914. Sand is generously being donated by the Ontario Farmers Supply Coop. There may be some already filled, but citizens should be prepared to fill the bags themselves. The City emergency operations center will update the times of availability for sand bags each day on the city's website. Please check our website for availability. <http://www.ontariooregon.org/>

The City has begun an incentive drawing for clearing fire hydrants. When you clear a fire hydrant, take a picture of it, and email a picture with the fire hydrant number to hydrant@ontariooregon.org or hydrantdrawing@ontariooregon.org you will be entered into a random drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. See our [web page](#) or [Facebook page](#) for more details.

The City is marking unattended vehicles on the road side and towing them if not removed within 72 hours. The City does not wish to put residents through this trouble so we encourage you to seek help removing your vehicles.

Thank you for your assistance and patience in this City weather event.

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