



City of Ontario, Oregon

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Press Release
Emergency Weather Update
January 18, 2017

The City of Ontario has been operating an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the past two weeks as we work our way through this weather emergency. The EOC meets one to two times per day to assess and realign our strategies. A non-emergency number has been established for citizens to express concern: 541-881-3260. If your call is not immediately returned it will be returned. Calls after 5 p.m. will be returned as soon as possible the next morning. If there is an emergency call 911.

Additional accumulations of snow will come in over the next 24 hours. This will be a heavier and moister snow than we received earlier. An additional 5 lbs. per square foot of weight is expected with this new snow. The low temperatures today will prevent major snow melt.

As a precautionary measure, sand bags and sand are available at Ontario Fire Station 2 (3288 SW 4th Ave., Ontario, OR, 97914) during the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday January 18, 2017. Citizens will need to fill the bags themselves and are limited to 10 bags. The 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/>

In addition to clearing roads from new snow, public works staff and mutual aid partners will be focused on clearing snow from storm drains. We would like to thank the Owhyee Irrigation District and the Farmers Co-op for assisting the City in this time of emergency.

We remind you to help yourself and help your neighbor. Be mindful of neighbors who have difficulty shoveling and assist where you are physically able. A map of storm drains is available online if you would like to help dig out storm drains. This will help when the snow begins to melt to prevent flooding.

Thank you for your assistance in this City weather event.

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