

State of emergency declared due to forecasted heat

Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency in Oregon to ensure additional resources are available to respond to forecasted excessively high temperatures. The emergency declaration was triggered by the need for state agencies to assist local and Tribal jurisdictions in providing for the health and safety of their residents. Multiple days of extreme heat with little or no cooling overnight may also impact critical infrastructure, causing utility outages and transportation disruptions.



statewide, Aug. 10-20.

"Oregon is facing yet another extreme heat wave, and it is critical that every level of government has the resources they need to help keep Oregonians safe

and healthy," said Governor Brown. "I encourage Oregonians to take proactive steps to keep themselves and their families safe, including drinking plenty of fluids, taking advantage of cooling centers, and checking in on neighbors, friends, and loved ones."

The Governor has directed the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to activate the state's Emergency Coordination Center to coordinate essential protective measures. She has also directed state agencies to provide any assistance requested by OEM to

support response efforts.

Heat-related illnesses are preventable — all Oregonians are encouraged to learn the symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and other heat-related illnesses. Oregonians who do not have air conditioning in their homes are strongly encouraged to make a plan today to find a cool location they can access during the heat wave. Additionally, all Oregonians are asked to check in on vulnerable friends, family, and neighbors who may be susceptible to extreme heat.

CASA collecting school supplies for students

With the start of school around the corner, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Marion County is holding a drive to collect supplies for students from elementary to high school age.

CASA is asking the community to donate items and deliver them to their office at 3530 River Road N. in Keizer. They will also accept cash donations and

shop for school supplies.

The wish list for elementary school age students includes: crayons, glue sticks, facial tissues, pencils and sharpeners, backpacks, erasers, scissors, 12" rulers, ballpoint pens, three-ring loose leaf notebooks, markers and colored pencils.

For middle and high school students, the wish list includes: one and a half

inch three-ring binder, graph paper, thin markers, colored pencils and sharpeners, pencils and pencil pouch, glue sticks, rulers, highlighters, scissors, AAA batteries, TI-30Xa scientific calculator and backpacks.

CASA of Marion County will be hosting the Keizer Chamber of Commerce Greeters event at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, and they will be accepting school supplies then as well.

Other ways to be involved with the school supply drive is to host an event at your workplace, purchase supplies directly from CASA's Amazon Wishlist or select a tag and sponsor a child's back to school needs.

CASA is a national organization

that supports and promotes court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children who need safe and permanent homes. To learn more visit casamarionor.org.

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