

Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Hello Neighbors,

It looks like we're going to get more snow this week. Are you prepared?

Make sure you have plenty of supplies on hand at home so you don't have to brave the elements unnecessarily. If you must leave the comfort of home and need to drive during inclement weather – carry an emergency kit in your vehicle. Your kit should include chains, battery jumper cables, first aid kit, shovel, basic tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver and knife), emergency flares and reflectors, bag of sand, salt or kitty litter, blanket or sleeping bag, extra clothing (hats, socks, boots, and mittens), water, snacks, flashlight, cellular phone charger/adapter, and make sure your tank is on the full side of empty.

If you do choose to drive and find visibility and conditions getting worse, do not stop in a travel lane. Look

for an opportunity to pull off the road into a safe parking area and wait for conditions to improve. If it doesn't look like conditions will improve any time soon, call AAA or your preferred tow company to have your vehicle towed. Depending on the severity of the weather, the wait may be lengthy so stay with your vehicle for warmth and safety until the tow arrives. While you wait for help to arrive, open a window slightly for ventilation, run your motor sparingly, and use your emergency flashers. If your vehicle is creating a safety hazard and has been abandoned, it is subject to being cited and impounded.

Historically, weather related events, especially snow and ice, stress emergency response resources. Responders often go from call to call to call with no respite between situations. Many weather related requests for service are avoidable and while important to the caller, not emergency situations. Calling 911 should be for emergency situations requiring immediate assistance from Police, Fire, and/or EMS.

- If you or someone with you is injured and/or needs immediate medical attention – Call 911
- If your home, or a building nearby is on fire – Call 911
- If there is an injury accident – Call 911

If you call 911 for non-emergency issues, you will be asked to call our non-emergency line at (503) 823-3333. Keep in mind that all resources that answer and respond to 911 calls are also answering and responding to non-emergency calls. Response will likely be delayed for non-emergency issues while we deal with urgent emergency situations.

IF YOU DO NEED TO CALL 911:

Due to a high number of unintentional calls from cellular phones Portland/Multnomah County 911 uses technology that requires cellular callers to 911 to acknowledge they are calling 911 intentionally.

Callers are presented with a recorded script:

"Portland 911. If this is an emergency say 911 after the beep or press any key on your phone at any time.

The script is repeated in spanish - "En caso de emergencia diga nueve uno uno despues del tono o oprima cualquier numero en su telefono a cualquier momento"

The message is repeated in English and then again in Spanish. If a required prompt is not acknowledged, the XMU will wait 9 more seconds and then disconnect the call.

Please stay on the line until your call is answered by a 911 calltaker. If you call 911 from a cellular telephone and hang up before your call is answered by a calltaker, the 911 calltaker may not be able to call you back, as they are frequently able to do with calls from landlines.

Always assume that the 911 calltaker does not know your location. Even if your cell phone is able to provide location information, the approximate location the 911 center receives could be as large as three football fields or more, making sending help your way difficult and imprecise.

Always be prepared to give specific directions to your location. If you don't know where you are when you call 911, look for landmarks, large buildings, or street signs nearby that may contain address information.

Answering questions does not delay emergency response, the information being gathered is critical for responders so they can be prepared for your situation when they arrive.

Remain calm and follow the instructions provided.

Do not hang up until advised to by the 911 calltaker.

News and information on major service disruption in the Portland-Vancouver metro area can be found at www.publicalerts.org

Stay safe and warm!

*** Please note - Portland / Multnomah County 9-1-1 staff are not able to read or respond to replies as this is a closed social website. Please reach out on the Community Feedback page on our website at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/911> if you wish follow up, have questions or concerns regarding messaging content or interaction with our staff ***

FROM SKYLINE RIDGE NEIGHBORS WEBSITE - SRNPDX.ORG

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CLASSIFIED AD and SRN FORUM:

srnpx.org - Find It: <http://srn.freeforums.net>

EVENTS:

[srnpx.org](http://www.srnpx.org/calendar1.html) - Calendar: <http://www.srnpx.org/calendar1.html>

[Resource Directory:](#)

As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the Skyline Resource Directory. Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing.

Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

COMMUNITY LINKS:

Skyline Grange: <http://www.srnpx.org/skyline-grange-894-0>
Forest Park
Neighbors: <http://www.forestparkneighbors.org>
Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linnton.com/lcc.asp>
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

About the Newsline: Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Erhardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speroff

The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@srnpx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpx.org.

If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can subscribe to the Newsline at the [Skyline Ridge Neighbors Website, SRNPDX.org](http://www.srnpx.org). Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline service.

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors: SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit public benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.

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