

Severe Weather Services

FAQ

Surviving Severe Weather

Each year, Portland experiences bouts of inclement weather - **referred to as Severe Weather events** - that pose an immediate danger to people sleeping unsheltered. During these events, life-saving services are deployed across the Metro-area to ensure that anyone who needs it has access to a safe, warm, and dry shelter. Transition Projects is proud to operate the area's two largest severe weather shelters so that those with no other options have a place to turn when it matters most.

Severe Weather Shelter & Services

What are the weather triggers for Severe Weather?

- The temperature or wind chill drops to 25° F (-3.9° C) or below;
- One inch or more of snow accumulates on the ground; or
- Temperature reaches 32° F (0° C) or below with significant rain or sleet.

What overnight shelters are available to unsheltered adults and couples?

- The Day Center at Bud Clark Commons: 650 NW Irving, Portland
 - Provides overnight shelter for 125 women, men, and couples
 - Open from 8:30 pm – 7:00 am
- Imago Dei Community Center: 1302 SE Ankeny, Portland
 - Provides overnight shelter for 100 women, men, and couples
 - Open from 8:30 pm – 7:00 am
- Severe Weather Shelters are easy-to-access and are on a walk-in basis with no reservation needed. Animals, bikes, and carts are welcome. No alcohol/drug use is permitted onsite.

What day services are available to unsheltered adults and couples?

- The Day Center at Bud Clark Commons offers expanded capacity for people seeking daytime shelter and provides coffee, showers, movies and more.
- The SOS (Safety Off the Streets) Shelter for women will remain open throughout the day for current shelter guests.

How can I get involved?

Volunteer!

- We're actively seeking volunteers to help staff with our Severe Weather Shelters. Volunteers work alongside Transition Projects staff. *Volunteers with medical backgrounds are encouraged to participate to help triage, assess, and refer guests with medical needs.*
- **Volunteers must complete a background check and attend a one-hour Volunteer Orientation - contact Lauren Holt at Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org or see more information here.**
- Basic training for Severe Weather services is available to all volunteers. Trainings will take place at Transition Projects' main offices in Bud Clark Commons: 665 NW Hoyt St.

Upcoming training dates:

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| ▶ October 22: 10 - 11 am | ▶ November 17: 8 – 9 am | ▶ January 21: 10 – 11 am |
| ▶ October 25: 6 – 7 pm | ▶ December 10: 10 – 11 am | |

Donate!

Supplies and food needed:

- Supplies:
 - Socks
 - Underwear
 - Hand warmers
 - Gloves
 - Hats
 - Coats
 - Boots
 - Shoes
 - Dog food
- Food:
 - Instant Oatmeal cups
 - Breakfast and granola bars
 - Prepared meals: We welcome volunteer meal providers who can deliver prepared meals for groups of 125. Staff or volunteers can serve onsite. For more information on our Meal Provider Program and food donations, contact Lauren.Holt@tprojects.org.

Who do I contact with questions?

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Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm