

City of Newport

Update on Winter Storm

TO: ALL MEDIA

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For Immediate Release

On January 13, 2024 the City of Newport declared an Emergency due to Winter Storm impacts of a winter ice storm.

Power remains out generally north of NW 15th street, although the fire station and other locations are impacted south of this location. There are many local outages throughout the City and PUD service areas. PUD is focusing on restoring power to the Agate Beach substation which serves this area. The transmission lines and poles were taken out on Big Creek Road and other locations, making this a challenging operation. PUD hopes to restore power to the substation by this evening. Outages will continue after the substation is restored due to distribution lines needing to be restored, therefore locations in the City may be without power for an extended period. PUD is indicating locations in north Newport should prepare to be without electricity for the next 24 hours.

Oceanview Assisted Living has been without power since yesterday. The City and Pacific West Ambulance are assisting Oceanview Assisted Living to address the needs of its residents.

Newport Public Works is continuing to remove downed trees and branches from the streets. Newport Police Department identified problem areas. The City will make a determination of whether we need contractual services to assist crews with this work.

Water and waste water operations continue to operate normally off backup power. Public Works crews are continuing to monitor those lift stations that do not have backup power.

The City is currently working with Lincoln County to open up an emergency shelter. Further details on this will come from Lincoln County.

Further announcements will be made if the situation changes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please minimize travel during winter storms. Trees and broken branches will continue to fall after the storm so use caution around trees and avoid all downed power lines.