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LINCOLN COUNTY WINTER WEATHER READINESS, UPDATED RESOURCES AND WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

(11.06.18 - Lincoln County)

Lincoln County and other counties around the state are transitioning from summer wildfire to our winter weather preparedness season. With this transition comes our annual partnership with local public works/road departments, Oregon Department of Transportation, utility service providers and the National Weather Service (NWS)-Portland office.

At the beginning of each winter season these agencies along with public safety response partners promote winter preparedness within their agencies and for local communities. This effort increases awareness and readiness. Again this year the National Weather Service with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management Team are sponsoring several events and topics that benefit our local readiness and response.



Winter Weather Outlook:

The National Weather Service provided a winter weather outlook briefing for public safety and local officials the morning of October 30th. This briefing was specifically coordinated for the Lincoln County communities and was followed by a tabletop exercise for the attendees related to a significant flooding event. The briefing is available for the public to review and can be found on the Lincoln County website – Emergency Management at

<https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/whats-happening-now>

Website: www.weather.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSPortland/>

Winter Outlook - 2018-2019
Lincoln County Winter Weather Briefing
Oct 30, 2018

US26 at Sunset Rest Area
Updated: Feb 24 2017 7:25 AM Looking East

Elevation 1442 TripCheck.com Milepost 29.50
Temperature 29.8F Wind V MPH 0

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Lincoln County Information Guide – Flooding (Updated Nov. 2018):

The flooding guide is specifically developed for Lincoln County Communities by the Emergency Division of the Sheriff's Office and provides the A-Z of information needed for before, during and after a flooding event occurs. The guide is intended as a one-stop shop for educating yourself on insurance opportunities, flood plain mapping, how to access current river level information, and how to protect yourself and your property.

One of the most important aspects of protection is reviewing your insurance policies to ensure you are adequately covered; the National Flood Insurance Program recently underwent a website upgrade and provides very valuable information to help you decide if you should have a policy in place.

Flood insurance is not just for those property owners who live in the flood plain; it can protect many home and business owners from other events such as a tsunami or other water saturation events. Traditional homeowners insurance may not cover these expenses. The following is a listing of the sections in the flooding guide.

[Lincoln County – Information Flood Guide Table of Contents](#)

- A.** Quick Links - Resource Information
- B.** Emergency Notification Systems
- C.** Weather, River/Tidal Forecasts, Observations and Historical Records
- D.** Road/Travel Information
- E.** Flood Plain Mapping – Viewing Your Flood Hazard
- F.** Insurance Programs
- G.** Flood Readiness - Before, During and After a Flood
- H.** Lincoln County Self-Serve Public Sandbagging Station and Resources
- I.** Lincoln County Public Safety Information Guide

The graphic features logos for the Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Oregon, and Public Health. Below the logos is a blue banner with the text "Information Guide: Flooding" and "What to do before, during, and after a flood". The graphic includes several smaller posters: "Protect Your Car" with "LET'S TALK FLOOD", "LINCOLN ALERTS" with "SIGN UP co.lincoln.or.us/alerts", "National Weather Service" with "Turn Around Don't Drown", and "BE READY! FLOODS" with "DURING" and "AFTER" sections. At the bottom, it says "Revised: November 5, 2018" and provides the URL "http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/hazards-flooding-and-river-levels".

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Lincoln County Self-Serve Public Sandbagging Station:

Sandbagging is one of the most versatile of flood fighting tools and is a simple, effective way to prevent or reduce flood water damage. Although sandbags do not guarantee a watertight seal, they are a proven deterrent to costly water damage. Sandbags have been used to:

- Prevent overtopping of levees
- Direct a river's current flow to specific areas
- Redirect storm water runoff to storm drains or redirect overflowing storm runoff drains from personal property
- Reduce seepage at closure structures

Location and Hours: Mid-October through mid-April
510 NE Harney St, Newport, access to sand is 24/7

Community members may pick up to 10 sandbags per person, per season. Those in need of more than 10 sandbags at a time are encouraged to reach out to local hardware stores and purchase them in advance. Community members are reminded protection of private property is the property owners' responsibility and begins prior to storm events. If you have a water run off hazard or your home or structure is in flood path then you should assess your property in advance, educate yourself regarding sandbag quantities, sandbag placement techniques and the help you might need to accomplish the task. Properly placed, sandbags will redirect water and minor debris flow away from property improvements. Waiting until the water is at your door step is too late; there won't be enough time or resources to effectively mitigate the water or debris run off.



The graphic contains the following information:

- Lincoln County Flood Prevention and Protection Self-Serve Sandbag Station** (with Lincoln County Oregon logo)
- WHEN:** Sandbag Station is typically available October – April each year
- WHERE:** 510 NE Harney Street, Newport (Public Works/Animal Shelter Parking Lot)
- WHO:** Open to the public – no charge – **BRING YOUR OWN SHOVEL**. Sandbags are not available for commercial use.
- WHAT:** Community Members can utilize up to 10 sandbags and sand per person to protect property from flooding
- HOW:** Sandbag use and additional information are available on the Sheriff's Office Emergency Management website

Additional elements include a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office star logo, a photo of the sandbag filling station at 510 NE Harney Street, Newport, and a small inset image titled "Sandbagging Techniques" from the US Army Corps of Engineers. A footer section provides contact information for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management (225 W. Olive St., Suite 103, 541.755-4199, icemergencymanagement@co.lincoln.or.us, www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement) and social media links for Facebook (@icemergencymanagement) and Lincoln Alerts (202K LP).



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Weather Spotter Training:

The National Weather Service will be back in Lincoln County the evening of November 15, 6-7:30pm, Oregon Coast Community College, Newport, OR 97365 – NO RSVP Needed – Free to the Public.

The NWS Spotter Program is a network of volunteers trained in identifying irregular weather events. These volunteers call in to report abnormal weather conditions where they live.

The training will cover: cloud identification, gauging rainfall, measuring hailstones, types of severe weather and wind, rating snowfall, NWS weather terminology and criteria for calling in a report.



Fall Training
Newport, OR

The National Weather Service in Portland invites you to join us at our Fall 2018 Skywarn Weather Spotter Training!

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The training will cover: cloud identification, gauging rainfall, measuring hailstones, types of severe weather and wind, rating snowfall, NWS weather terminology, and criteria for calling in a report.

WHEN: Thursday, November 15th from 6 - 7:30 pm

WHERE: Oregon Coast Community College
400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366

BRING: Yourself! Pen/pencil & notepad if you would like to take notes.



Public Health – Seasonal Flu Immunization:

Winter season preparedness is not complete without a reminder of the need to protect yourself from the seasonal flu. The Lincoln County Public Health Department along with local healthcare providers and pharmacies are available to provide this valuable immunization to you. More information about the seasonal flu immunization can be found on the Lincoln County Public Health – Flu Program website at: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/hhs/page/flu-program-0>



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