



Mayor Mark Mallory

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Mayor Mallory Calls on People to Check on Neighbors Report needs and the City will try to assist

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory today called on citizens to check on their friends and neighbors to make sure that they are safe. Mayor Mallory held a press conference Friday morning with Sandra Meyer, President of Duke Energy Ohio Kentucky, to update citizens on the progress of the power restoration. The Mayor called on citizens to report the need of their friends and neighbors to the Emergency Management Agency at 263-8200 or the City of Cincinnati at 591-6000.

“Our region has come together to support each other during our time of emergency. However, as we head into the weekend, we must make every effort to ensure the safety of our friends and neighbors,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “I am calling on everyone to reach out to your friends and neighbors and check to make sure people are o.k. Report their needs to us and we will do what we can to connect those individual to the resources that they need.”

At the press conference, Sandra Meyer of Duke announced that Duke Energy was making grants of \$150,000 to three community organizations to help meet the needs of citizens. The FreeStore FoodBank will receive \$50,000 to help meet the food needs of the region 482-4500. The Cincinnati Hamilton County Community Action Agency (569-1840) and People Working Cooperatively (351-7921) will receive \$100,000 to help people repair their utility ups and meters. People in need of those services should contact those agencies for more information.

FREE ICE DISTRIBUTION

- Starting at 4:00 pm, the City will open two ice distribution centers.
- The ice will be distributed by the Cincinnati Fire Department from refrigerated ice trucks.
- **The City has opened an ice distribution center in Avondale.**
- The ice distribution centers will be located at:
 - Engine Company #32, 650 Forest Avenue, 45229 in Avondale
 - Engine Company #24, 4526 Glenway Avenue, 45205 in Price Hill
- The ice is being provided in partnership with Duke Energy.
- Supplies are limited. 2 bags of ice per adult.

TRASH AND DEBRIS COLLECTION

- The City is relaxing storm debris collection rules through Saturday, October 11th. Citizens can bring debris to the curb and the city will collect it regardless of size.

- Citizens can also drop off trees, limbs, and storm debris at 1081 Woodrow Avenue behind the MSD Administration in Queensgate seven days a week through Saturday, October 11th.
- Hours of operation for the collection site are: Monday –Saturday 7 am - 6:30 pm, Sunday 7 am - 5:30 pm.
- **To date, the City of Cincinnati has collected 3862 tons of storm debris.**
- Public Services crews will be out this weekend collecting storm debris.
- Regular garbage will continue to be collected on regularly scheduled collection days.

STREETS AND TRAFFIC

- Currently, there are about 20 traffic signals not working, which is down from 150 on Monday. City crews are working to repair traffic signals, once power is restored by Duke Energy.

HEALTH SERVICES

- All health centers are with power and fully operational.
- Prescriptions can be filled as usual at normal locations.
- **A shelter for persons with special needs** has been established at the MRDD building at 4999 Kinsley Drive in Madisonville (behind the 5/3rd Bank office complex) by the Health Department in conjunction with Hamilton County Public Health. This facility will be staffed with nurses. The shelter is open to all Hamilton County residents who are without power with functional needs which may include persons using oxygen tanks, impaired mobility, special medical needs, deaf/hard of hearing, visually-impaired and elderly.
- **The Cincinnati Health Department's Nursing Bureau is continuing it's in home visits to ensure that our special needs patients are receiving the medical services they need.**
- All nursing homes are with power with the exception of Pleasant Ridge Nursing Home. They do have back-up power. The Health Department has contacted Duke and asked that this home be made a priority.

Parks

- **Please refrain from visiting any parks through this weekend.** There are numerous trees and power lines down throughout parks throughout the City.

CALL CENTER STATISTICS

- The City Service line at 591-6000 is taking calls and assisting citizens.
 - 5384 calls and 1815 service requests to date

RECREATION

- Some ball fields and playgrounds suffered extensive damage.
- Crews will be working through the weekend to clear these areas.
- Please be extremely careful at all City Recreation fields

Attached: Stress management Tips from the Cincinnati Health Department

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