

**Media Release**  
**From Mayor Mark Mallory**  
**City of Cincinnati**

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**Mayor Mallory Continues Call for People to Check  
on Neighbors**  
**City attempting to help citizens deal with outages**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory today continued his call for citizens to check on their friends and neighbors to make sure that they are safe and to report any needs to the Emergency Management Agency at 263-8200 or the City of Cincinnati at 591-6000.

The Mayor also announced several other city efforts to help citizens without power. The city will continue to distribute free ice through the weekend at two fire stations. The Fire Department has begun doing wellness checks by driving through neighborhoods and knocking on doors to ensure that people are doing well. The Cincinnati Health Department has extra food safety inspectors out this weekend to inspect grocery stores and ensure food safety as groceries regain power.

“The power outage has been difficult for our region. The City of Cincinnati is continuing to try to help people deal with the outages,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “We need to continue to check on our neighbors and help each other until everyone’s power is restored.”

Citizens with food needs should contact the FreeStore FoodBank at 482-4500. People who need repairs to their utility ups and meters should contact the Cincinnati Hamilton County Community Action Agency at 569-1840 or People Working Cooperatively at 351-7921. The services are available to low income and special need citizens. The three agencies are providing services thanks to a total grant of \$150,000 from Duke Energy.

**FREE ICE DISTRIBUTION**

- Ice Distribution will continue today and Sunday.
- 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 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.

### **Fire Department Wellness Checks**

- **The Cincinnati Fire Department has been driving through the city's neighborhoods checking on the welfare of citizens.**
- They have found that Cincinnatians are, for the most part, coping well. There were a few notices of downed trees and needs including ice.

### **TRASH AND DEBRIS COLLECTION**

- Public Services crews will be collecting natural storm debris throughout the weekend.
- In an effort to allow the crews to be as productive as possible, a few things have been identified that citizens can do to assist in the process.
  - Do not set regular garbage out this weekend.
  - Separate your garbage from your natural storm debris.
  - Move your storm debris to the curb so that our crews are able to complete the removal process.
- **Crews are reporting that some houses are mixing natural storm debris with other debris and garbage. Mixing debris slows collection and will delay the removal of debris from other houses.**
- **Please only place only natural storm debris at the curb.**
- Regular garbage collection service will not be interrupted. Garbage collection will resume on Monday morning, operating on our regular garbage collection schedule.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Hours of operation for the collection site are: Monday –Saturday 7 am - 6:30 pm, Sunday 7 am - 5:30 pm.
- The City is relaxing storm debris collection rules through Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Citizens can bring debris to the curb and the city will collect it regardless of size.

### **TRAFFIC**

- **All traffic signals are reported operational in Cincinnati.**
- If citizens encounter traffic signal that are not working, please report them to 591-6000.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

- All health centers are with power and fully operational during regular hours.
- Prescriptions can be filled as usual at normal locations.
- **The special needs shelter is closing at noon today.** Anyone with special needs should call the Emergency Management Agency at 263-8200 or the City of Cincinnati at 591-6000.

- **The Health Department has sent out extra food safety inspectors to inspect grocery stores** and other food operators to ensure safe food handling and to distribute food safety flyers.
- **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.
- **All hiking trails are closed.**

### **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: List of resource agencies**

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