

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-10

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO EXTREME HEAT

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 401.165 et. seq., I find that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to an Extreme Heat Event that is bringing far above-normal temperatures throughout the state of Oregon.

Beginning on July 5, 2024, and continuing, an Extreme Heat Event has the potential to cause loss of life and presents health dangers to all Oregonians. State, local and tribal agencies continue to respond to requests for emergency cooling shelters, transportation assistance, distribution of life-sustaining supplies including water and medical services. This Emergency Heat Event is also placing significant strain on Oregon's energy grid and critical infrastructure, posing a risk of utility outages and equipment and transportation disruptions. For these reasons, I hereby declare a statewide State of Emergency due to Extreme Heat.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property and the environment. All Oregonians are to heed the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Oregon National Guard, Oregon Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon State Police, the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC), and other state agencies are directed to provide any assistance requested by OEM that is necessary to assist in the response to this emergency, and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.
3. This determination of an Extreme Heat Event emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel required by this emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and SERV-OR if needed, and to allow state agencies to suspend provisions of any order or rule of the



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agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay mitigating the effects of the emergency. Local requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to OEM pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.

4. Persons who believe they have been subjected to unconscionably excessive prices for bottled water or other essential consumer goods due to this emergency are requested to report violations to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Services, which has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.
5. Electricity consumers in Oregon are encouraged to conserve and curtail energy consumption to the greatest extent possible to avoid power disruptions and reduce the strain on energy grid infrastructure.
6. Pursuant to ORS 401.378, certain public employees may be eligible for leaves of absence to provide disaster relief services in Oregon and are directed to discuss requested leaves with their employer.

This emergency is effective as of 9:00 a.m. on July 5, 2024, and shall exist until 11:59 p.m. on July 9, 2024, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 5th day of July, 2024.



Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE