



Severe Weather Task Force

Who We Are

Council for the Homeless and community partners work together to form the Severe Weather Task Force to ensure the safety of our unhoused neighbors during severe weather events.

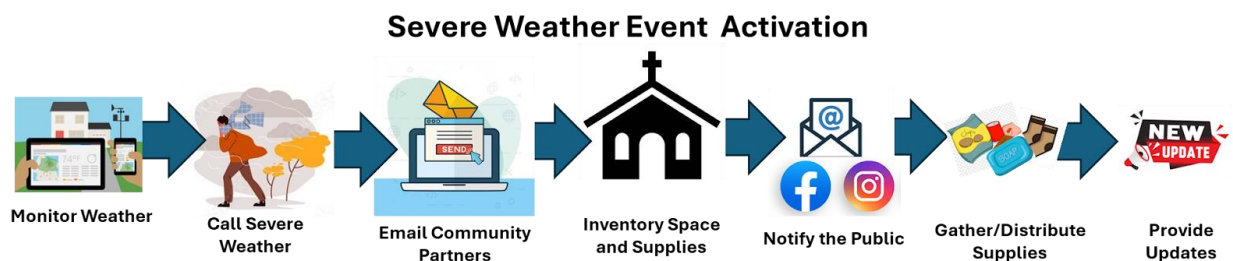
Council for the Homeless is the coordinating agency for the Homeless Response System and leads the Clark County Severe Weather Task Force to ensure the safety of our unhoused neighbors during severe weather events. This work collaborates closely with many local agencies and governmental organizations. Council for the Homeless is the Clark County coordinating agency of the Homeless Response System, which includes calling for severe weather in the county for our unhoused community. Coordinating severe weather response is done through partnering with community warming and cooling shelters and our community hospitality shelters.

What the Task Force Does

The purpose of the Severe Weather Task Force is to assist our unhoused community members in finding shelter during severe weather events. When there is a severe weather event, CFTH will coordinate with CRESA, Clark County, the City of Vancouver, and our community shelter partners to initiate the Homeless Response System to create as much shelter as possible for our unhoused community members. CFTH coordinates the Homeless Response Emergency System to ensure we support and provide our unhoused community members' safety and refuge from the heat, wildfire smoke, cold, rain, and other natural disasters and man-made events.

How We Activate a Severe Weather Event

The Task Force works alongside CRESA, the National Weather Service, AirNow, and the Emergency Alert System to constantly monitor the weather. In the winter we look at the risk for hypothermia, and rain chill. In the summer we evaluate the risk for unhealthy air quality and the potential for heat-related emergencies. We also look at the risk of flooding and flash flooding, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and lightning throughout the year.



For more information go to our website at www.councilforthehomeless.org click get involved and click on Severe Weather Task Force.