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Mayor Mallory Calls for Continued Caution as City Responds to Windstorm Announces free ice distribution at two locations

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory is calling for citizens to continue to use caution as the City responds to widespread damage from Sunday’s windstorm. The Mayor also issued an update on the progress of the City’s response.

“As our region comes back on-line, I ask that everyone continue to be extremely cautious,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “We still need to be careful of potential dangers from downed trees and power lines, as well as from spoiled food.

“I am proud of the way that our community has come together to support each other as we deal with this emergency as a united region,” the Mayor continued. “The many stories of neighbors reaching out to help one another are further proof of the caring spirit that you find in the Cincinnati region.”

Windstorm Update:

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 ice distribution centers will be located at:
 - Engine Company #23, 1623 Madison Road, 45206 in East Walnut Hills
 - Engine 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.

GENERAL

- City crews are working with regional partners including Duke Energy and Hamilton County to address the damage from Sunday’s windstorm.
- City crews continue to work on 12-hour shifts.
- The City Service line at 591-6000 is taking calls and assisting citizens.
 - 2,500 total calls from Sunday afternoon through today at 10:00 am
 - 1000 service calls have been placed

TRASH COLLECTION and TREE AND LIMB REMOVAL

- Due to potential health concerns, **garbage collection remains first priority, where crews are not blocked by downed power lines.**
- Trash collection only will occur on regular trash pick up cycles.
- The City has relaxed its procedures and will be collecting any tree limbs or branches brought to the curb. This collection is separate from trash collection
- **Be aware that debris collection may take more than a week due to the high volume of debris.**
- **Storm debris and trash collection will be picked up at different times in different trucks Citizens can also drop off trees, limbs, and storm debris at 1081 Woodrow Avenue behind the MSD Administration in Queensgate.**

FOOD FACTS

The Cincinnati Health Department has issued the following steps to follow after a weather emergency. If you have been without power since Sunday:

- Discard refrigerated perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, soft cheeses, milk, eggs, leftovers and deli items.
- Food may be safely refrozen if it still contains ice crystals or is at 41 °F or below when checked with a food thermometer.
- Never taste a food to determine its safety.
- If the power has been out for several days, check the temperature of the freezer with an appliance thermometer. If the appliance thermometer reads 41 °F or below, the food is safe to refreeze.
- If a thermometer has not been kept in the freezer, check each package of food to determine its safety. If the food still contains ice crystals, the food is safe.
- **When in Doubt, Throw it Out.**

WATER

- **The request that the public conserve water has been cancelled.**
- A boil water advisory was **never** required for GCWW customers.

RUBBISH BURNING

- The State of Ohio requires a permit for open burning. Open burning is only permitted for grilling out, food preparation, and recreation uses. Open burning cannot be used for burning rubbish and debris.
- We are asking all citizens to **NOT openly burn debris.**

STREETS AND TRAFFIC

- Currently, there are about 50 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.
- City crews are working to open any streets obstructed with debris throughout the city.

HEALTH SERVICES

- The Health Department in conjunction with **Hamilton County Public Health** has set up a **shelter for persons with special needs at the MRDD building at 4999 Kinsley Drive in Madisonville (behind the 5/3rd Bank office complex)**. 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 Millvale Health Center located at 3301 Beekman Street is the only City Health Center that is still closed. The Crest Smile Shop, 612 Rockdale is closed because it is without power. All other facilities are open.

Parks

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

Guide for Discarding Spoiled Food

Refrigerated Foods:

When to Save and When to Throw It Out	
FOOD	Held above 41 °F for over 2 hours
MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD Raw or leftover cooked meat, poultry, fish, or seafood; soy meat substitutes	Discard
Thawing meat or poultry	Discard
Meat, tuna, shrimp, chicken, or egg salad	Discard
Gravy, stuffing, broth	Discard
Lunchmeats, hot dogs, bacon, sausage, dried beef	Discard
Pizza – with any topping	Discard
Canned hams labeled "Keep Refrigerated"	Discard
Canned meats and fish, opened	Discard
CHEESE Soft Cheeses: blue/bleu, Roquefort, Brie, Camembert, cottage, cream, Edam, Monterey Jack, ricotta, mozzarella, Muenster, Neufchatel, queso blanco, queso fresco	Discard
Hard Cheeses: Cheddar, Colby, Swiss, Parmesan, provolone, Romano	Safe

Processed Cheeses	Safe
Shredded Cheeses	Discard
Low-fat Cheeses	Discard
Grated Parmesan, Romano, or combination (in can or jar)	Safe
DAIRY Milk, cream, sour cream, buttermilk, evaporated milk, yogurt, eggnog, soy milk	Discard
Butter, margarine	Safe
Baby formula, opened	Discard
EGGS Fresh eggs, hard-cooked in shell, egg dishes, egg products	Discard
Custards and puddings	Discard
CASSEROLES, SOUPS, STEWS	Discard
FRUITS Fresh fruits, cut	Discard
Fruit juices, opened	Safe
Canned fruits, opened	Safe
Fresh fruits, coconut, raisins, dried fruits, candied fruits, dates	Safe
SAUCES, SPREADS, JAMS Opened mayonnaise, tartar sauce, horseradish	Discard if above 50 °F for over 8 hrs.
Peanut butter	Safe
Jelly, relish, taco sauce, mustard, catsup, olives, pickles	Safe
Worcestershire, soy, barbecue, Hoisin sauces	Safe
Fish sauces (oyster sauce)	Discard
Opened vinegar-based dressings	Safe
Opened creamy-based dressings	Discard
Spaghetti sauce, opened jar	Discard
BREAD, CAKES, COOKIES, PASTA, GRAINS Bread, rolls, cakes, muffins, quick breads, tortillas	Safe

Refrigerator biscuits, rolls, cookie dough	Discard
Cooked pasta, rice, potatoes	Discard
Pasta salads with mayonnaise or vinaigrette	Discard
Fresh pasta	Discard
Cheesecake	Discard
Breakfast foods –waffles, pancakes, bagels	Safe
PIES, PASTRY Pastries, cream filled	Discard
Pies – custard, cheese filled, or chiffon; quiche	Discard
Pies, fruit	Safe
VEGETABLES Fresh mushrooms, herbs, spices	Safe
Greens, pre-cut, pre-washed, packaged	Discard
Vegetables, raw	Safe
Vegetables, cooked; tofu	Discard
Vegetable juice, opened	Discard
Baked potatoes	Discard
Commercial garlic in oil	Discard
Potato Salad	Discard

Frozen Foods:

When to Save and When To Throw It Out

FOOD	Still contains ice crystals and feels as cold as if refrigerated	Thawed. Held above 41 °F for over 2 hours
MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD Beef, veal, lamb, pork, and ground meats	Refreeze	Discard
Poultry and ground poultry	Refreeze	Discard
Variety meats (liver, kidney, heart, chitterlings)	Refreeze	Discard

Casseroles, stews, soups	Refreeze	Discard
Fish, shellfish, breaded seafood products	Refreeze. However, there will be some texture and flavor loss.	Discard
DAIRY Milk	Refreeze. May lose some texture.	Discard
Eggs (out of shell) and egg products	Refreeze	Discard
Ice cream, frozen yogurt	Discard	Discard
Cheese (soft and semi-soft)	Refreeze. May lose some texture.	Discard
Hard cheeses	Refreeze	Refreeze
Shredded cheeses	Refreeze	Discard
Casseroles containing milk, cream, eggs, soft cheeses	Refreeze	Discard
Cheesecake	Refreeze	Discard
FRUITS Juices	Refreeze	Refreeze. Discard if mold, yeasty smell, or sliminess develops.
Home or commercially packaged	Refreeze. Will change texture and flavor.	Refreeze. Discard if mold, yeasty smell, or sliminess develops.
VEGETABLES Juices	Refreeze	Discard after held above 40 °F for 6 hours.
Home or commercially packaged or blanched	Refreeze. May suffer texture and flavor loss.	Discard after held above 40 °F for 6 hours.
BREADS, PASTRIES Breads, rolls, muffins, cakes (without custard fillings)	Refreeze	Refreeze
Cakes, pies, pastries with custard or cheese filling	Refreeze	Discard

Pie crusts, commercial and homemade bread dough	Refreeze. Some quality loss may occur.	Refreeze. Quality loss is considerable.
OTHER Casseroles – pasta, rice based	Refreeze	Discard
Flour, cornmeal, nuts	Refreeze	Refreeze
Breakfast items –waffles, pancakes, bagels	Refreeze	Refreeze
Frozen meal, entree, specialty items (pizza, sausage and biscuit, meat pie,convenience foods)	Refreeze	Discard

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