



**Mid-Columbia  
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### **MCCAC and WAGAP announce winter shelters and outreach resources**

**The Dalles, Oregon** – With severe weather hitting the region, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council and its partners are ensuring our most vulnerable community members can access shelters, emergency lodging, and street outreach resources.

#### **Shelter for Hood River County Residents**

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council will operate Hood River Shelter Services' 24-bed, non-congregate shelter at 1733 Oak St. in Hood River beginning on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The site is open throughout the winter season, until March 2023. The shelter will be staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Shelter guest intakes will take place from 1-5pm on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and from 9am-5pm every weekday after that through mid-March 2023. For more information about available shelter beds or other emergency lodging resources available to Hood River County residents during severe winter weather events, fill out a shelter intake form [here](#) or call (541) 965-0990.

#### **Shelter for Wasco and Sherman County Residents**

Mid-Columbia Community Action Council's non-congregate shelter site in The Dalles is open year-round and has 34 beds. It is located at the corner of Bargeway and Terminal Avenue. Shelter guest intakes take place from 9am-5pm every weekday. For more information about available shelter beds or other emergency lodging resources available to Wasco and Sherman County residents during severe winter weather events, fill out a shelter intake form [here](#) or call (541) 980-0855.

#### **Street Outreach Resources in Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman Counties**

In addition to shelter and emergency lodging services, MCCAC and its partners provide street outreach services and supplies to Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman County residents as we work to ensure unsheltered community members can stay warm through these tough winter months. Street outreach staff also help provide direct referrals to sheltering and other relevant resources during severe winter weather events. For more information about street outreach supplies and services MCCAC staff can provide between 9am-5pm, fill out the intake form [here](#) or call (541) 298-5131, extension 200.

### **Warming Shelter for Skamania County**

Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) will operate a warming shelter for overnight relief from dangerous winter weather conditions for the coming 2022-2023 winter season. The location, operating hours, contact and access information will be announced when shelter staffing and preparations are complete. The shelter is projected to operate through the winter months until mid-March 2023. More information about the this and other seasonal shelters in the Mid-Columbia River region can be found on WAGAP's website: [www.wagap.org](http://www.wagap.org).

### **Seasonal Shelters for Klickitat County**

Persons seeking shelter in Klickitat County can call WAGAP at 509-493-2662 for information.

### **Transportation Options**

For those who need transportation to access a shelter, information about public transit schedules, routes, and dial-a-ride options in the Mid-Columbia region can be found [here](#). Hood River and Wasco County residents who are enrolled in PacificSource insurance through the Oregon Health Plan in are eligible for a free ride to a shelter using Non-Emergent Medical Transportation and can call (855) 397-3617 for more information about this service. Sherman County residents enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan can call (877) 875-4657 to schedule a free ride to a shelter. Medicaid recipients in Skamania and Klickitat Counties who need to schedule a ride to a shelter can call the Medicaid Transportation Broker at (800) 752-9422.

MCCAC's [website](#) and WAGAP's [website](#) will be regularly updated with information about winter shelter and emergency lodging resources that will be available during severe winter weather advisories and warnings in the region.

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*Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Action Agency that helps individuals, families, and communities. WAGAP addresses basic human needs, including food, shelter, energy assistance, and more, in Skamania and Klickitat Counties. For more than 50 years, WAGAP has helped people help themselves and reach self-sufficiency. Learn more at [www.wagap.org](http://www.wagap.org) or contact WAGAP at (509) 493-2662 or [info@wagap.org](mailto:info@wagap.org).*