

Newcastle E-Alert

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SUBJECT: Community E-Alert

ROAD CONDITIONS/WEATHER ALERT

As of Friday afternoon, compact snow and ice still cover most of Newcastle's roads. Our crew has been working to break up that ice on all four Priority Routes. The plow is being used on those routes, and Coal Creek Utility District is helping spread sand and salt on the main arterials. Today's sun is expected to melt some of that snow/ice, but it will freeze over again tonight. Please use caution on all roads in town. Currently, there is only one road closure in Newcastle (SE 76th from 116th to Lake Washington Blvd). Since the Priority Routes still need attention, please understand that crews are unable to plow neighborhood side streets. The main goal is to keep the arterials and entrances to neighborhoods as clear as possible.

Another storm is in the forecast for late Saturday into Sunday. In addition to the potential for snow accumulation, high winds and freezing rain are also forecasted. Residents are urged to prepare now for the possibility of power outages. If you see a downed tree or power line over the weekend, please call 911 so a crew can be dispatched. To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, never bring barbeques or running generators into your home.

Finally, we ask that you please check on your neighbor as we continue through this stretch of bad weather. Stay safe this weekend.

RESOURCES:

PSE Power Outage Hotline: 1-888-225-5773 (follow the prompts)
3-Days, 3-Ways Emergency Kit: <http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways/>