

Important 2017 Eclipse Information

- The eclipse will begin in our area a little after 9 a.m. Be sure to use official eclipse glasses during this partial eclipse phase; regular sun glasses will not sufficiently protect your eyes. Check your eclipse glasses in advance to make sure there are no scratches or defects.
- The total eclipse will occur at 10:16 a.m. and will last for only two minutes. You may look at the sun without eye protection during this time, but be sure to put your eclipse glasses back on as soon as the sun begins to reappear!
- A special solar filter is also required to protect your camera, except during the totality, but remember that totality only lasts 2 minutes – take a selfie with the total eclipse behind you, and let the professionals take the fancy photos!
- Plan your viewing location near your home in advance by determining where the sun is during these times. Avoid car travel and be sensitive of private property.
- As many as 100,000 visitors are expected on the Coast for this event, so traffic congestion will be huge! Plan to have at least five days of medicines, water, paper goods, food, cash and fuel on-hand no later than Wednesday, August 16. (Cash, because ATMs may be depleted by the crowds). Don't forget food and medications for your pets.
- Expect poor internet and cell phone service from 8/16 – 8/23, due to high demand. It's also possible that brown-outs will occur based on high electric demand, and that mail delivery will be delayed due to traffic congestion.
- If you have visitors coming at this time, please tell them to come no later than 8/16 and plan to stay until 8/23.
- If you have a part-time residence on the Coast and cannot travel here/back on those dates, then don't even try to travel at all.
- If you must travel, carry emergency supplies in your vehicle in the event that you're stuck in traffic.
- Since the "Path of Totality" for the 2017 Eclipse will cross the entire state of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) is gearing up for Emergency Operations beginning Wednesday, August 16th through Wednesday, August 23rd. Their primary focus will be on the Oregon Coast and Eastern Oregon.
- OEM's concerns include traffic congestion as well as fires caused when people stop and camp at inappropriate spots, considering how dry Oregon is at this time. Burn centers are on standby in Portland and Seattle. A rabies outbreak in Eastern Oregon is also a concern, as is the possibility of epidemics resulting from contaminated drinking water or a lack of sanitary facilities. Not only are port-a-potties being brought in from out-of-state, but the number of septic pump trucks is very limited.
- The Neskowin Community Association and local merchants will place six port-a-potties in Neskowin. When they're full, they may stay that way for a few days!
- The Neskowin Regional Water District will be on standby, but all water tanks in the District will be full going into the event.
- The Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District and the South Tillamook Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will staff First Aid Stations at the Neskowin Fire Hall, the Pacific City Fire Hall, and the Fire District Office in Hebo, beginning on Thursday, 8/17 through Tuesday, 8/22. There will also be volunteers from the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps assisting. If you can help with these 1st Aid stations, please contact Marge Jozsa at coastiemj@centurylink.net.