



2020/21 Foul Weather Shelter

The City of Ventura has established a Foul Weather Shelter plan in conjunction with the River Community Church to protect and preserve life during inclement weather events.

The Foul Weather Shelter will accommodate 20 of Ventura's most vulnerable homeless in a local motel. Individuals 65+ and/or with chronic health conditions are prioritized. The remaining rooms are on a first come first served basis. For those who cannot get a room, "stay warm packs" will be provided.

- The Foul Weather Shelter plan will be triggered with overnight weather projections of over half an inch of rain or temperatures under 40 degrees.
- The City's Safe & Clean Manager will monitor the weather and will notify partners of activation, no less than 48 hours in advance.
- The foul weather season is from December 01, 2020 through March 31, 2021, or when funds run out, whichever comes first.
- Individuals desiring shelter are responsible for arriving at The River Community Church, 859 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura 93001 no earlier than 5pm and no later than 6pm on the day of the weather event.
- Those who do not qualify for a room will be provided with "stay warm packs."

Staff provided by the City and County will do initial intake and screening of individuals. Once the formal intake is completed, The River Community Church and volunteers will welcome the individuals and guide them to the waiting area for transportation to their room or provide them with the "stay warm pack."

"Stay warm packs" will consist of donated items. The goal is to be able to provide individuals who do not meet the criteria for the hotel rooms with supplies to assist them during the weather event. Packs will include: rain ponchos, tarps, blankets, jackets, hand-warmers, socks, toiletries, snacks, and bags for the materials.

If you would like to donate items for the "stay warm packs", please label donations and drop them off at the ARCH, 2323 Knoll Dr. Ventura 93003. Drive down to the rear of the building, through the gate, and drop off donations behind the sliding glass door.

Monetary donations are being accepted via the River Community Church. Please mail checks to The River Community Church with Foul Weather in the memo line to 859 E. Santa Clara St. Ventura 93001.

A minimum of six volunteers for set up, support, and take down are needed for the nights of the shelter from 3pm-7pm. If you would like to volunteer, please connect with Safe & Clean Program Manager Meredith Hart at mhart@cityofventura.ca.gov.

If you would like to be on the list when the shelter is triggered, connect with Meredith Hart.

To learn more about the Foul Weather Shelter plan, please go to cityofventura.ca.gov/homelessefforts