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## **Outage Update: With Coming Frigid Temps, EPUD Urges Customers to Consider Going to Shelter**

### ***Winter Storm Release #18***

With evening temperatures dropping to the mid to low 20s through Monday night, Emerald People's Utility District strongly urges customers without power to stay with friends, family or seek shelter services.

The Red Cross is opening a shelter 6 p.m. tonight at the Old Harrison Elementary School in Cottage Grove. It is located at 1000 South 10<sup>th</sup> St.

"We are very, very concerned about our customers' well-being and safety. We are grateful to the Red Cross for opening a shelter, and for South Lane School District and the city of Cottage Grove for making the space available and welcoming," said Scott Coe, EPUD general manager.

"Our customers are concerned about being out of power during this very cold weather. We're doing our best to restore power as quickly as possible, but many will still be out of power over these next several days. We encourage families and individuals to consider going to this shelter for hot meals and a warm place to sleep," Coe said.

Below are the number of households without power:

1,800 Cottage Grove area  
1,200 Pleasant Hill area  
350 Creswell area  
300 Marcola area  
45 Veneta / Noti area  
30 Alvadore area  
30 Junction City area

South Lane School District is opening up the school so it can be used as a shelter. The City of Cottage Grove is hooking up water and electric services and plowing the parking lot so people can easily access the building.

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