

# Friday Five

## Your weekly Thurston County update



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### **#1 - Sign up for Thurston Community Alert (TC Alert) to Receive Emergency Notifications**

# Text THURSTON to 67283

**Sign up for TC Alert!**  
**Receive important notifications**  
**via text message.**



**SCAN ME!**



## Stay Informed

TC Alert is Thurston County's primary alert and notification system for notifying residents of emergencies or hazards. These types of notifications typically target a geographic area and include a wide range of alerts, such as burn bans, boil notices, missing persons, and chemical spills. The system is activated when Emergency Management believes residents need a heightened level of warning to protect life or property.

Residents can choose to receive texts, phone calls, or email messages, and the types of notification they would like to receive, all based on their preference.

Visit [tcalert.org](https://tcalert.org) to sign up.

For more information, visit [Thurston County Emergency Management's Alerts and Notification](#).

## #2 - Thurston County's Winter Clothing Drive is Collecting Donations!

### **WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE DROP OFF DONATIONS EVERY FRIDAY BETWEEN 1:00 -3:00 P.M.**

At the Old Olympia Fire Hall 108 State Ave NW. Use the side door at the side door in the parking lot between the old fire hall and Olympia Senior Center.

To schedule donation pick-up, please contact:  
PITcensusteam@co.thurston.wa.us (360) 490-1280

#### **DONATE NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED:**

- Warm clothes including winter jackets, gloves, hats & scarves.
- All sizes for adults and kids welcome.
- Adult size Med-XXL are most needed.



Donations will be distributed to our homeless neighbors as part of the annual Point in Time Count during January 25 - February 1, 2024.



@icounthurston

Thurston County's winter clothing drive is now collecting donations! Now is a great time to clean out your closets and donate warm clothing items you no longer need. Doing holiday shopping? Pick up an extra package of wool socks to donate. Donate new or gently used clothing items like winter jackets, pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, and scarves. All sizes for adults and kids welcome. Adult sizes Med-XXL are most needed.

Donations are collected every Friday from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Old Olympia Fire Hall at 108 State Avenue NW in downtown Olympia. Please use the parking lot side door across from the Olympia Senior Center. The items will be distributed to our homeless neighbors as part of the annual Point in Time Count. The Point in Time Count is a census event where partners of the Thurston County Homeless Crisis Response System and community volunteers conduct a count the unsheltered individuals living in county.

Follow the Thurston County Point in Time Count on [Facebook @icounthurston](https://www.facebook.com/icounthurston).

## #3 - Volunteer to be a River Spotter!





Thurston County Emergency Management is seeking individuals living or working along area rivers to become part of our River Spotter Program.

### **Why River Spotters?**

- River gauges often do not accurately reflect a river's conditions upstream and downstream due to changes in the river's course, sediment, or debris such as fallen trees.
- The best way to know how the river's flow corresponds to the gauges is from visual observation.

### **River Spotter Requirements**

- Willingness to safely observe nearby river conditions quarterly, and more often during flood events.
- Ability to send a photo with a short report of locations, date, and time.

For more information, contact [sonya.kroese@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:sonya.kroese@co.thurston.wa.us).

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## **#4 - Drop off Unwanted Medications at Thurston County Drop Box**

# Got medicine you don't need?



## Get rid of it.



**Thurston Opioid Prevention Workgroup**



Safe disposal of old medicines you don't need reduces risks of accidental poisonings or intentional misuse. It also helps keep medications out of our drinking water, lakes, rivers, streams, and Puget Sound. Remove unwanted and expired medications from your home to reduce risks of accidental poisonings and prescription drug misuse. Dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications at a local disposal location in Thurston County.

Find locations where you can dispose medications at [thurstonmedicationtakeback.org](https://thurstonmedicationtakeback.org)

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**#5 - The Board of County Commissioners  
Proclaim December 27 as Marshal's Day in  
Thurston County**



On December 12, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed December 27, 2023, as Marshal's Day in Thurston County. Marshal the Courthouse Facility Dog was born in Australia on December 27, 2013 and was professionally trained and provided to the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office by Assistance Dogs of Hawaii in 2015. Marshal comforts crime victims, witnesses, and others involved in the justice system. The day recognizes the important work of all facility dogs, service dogs, and other working dogs.

Watch the proclamation on the [Thurston County YouTube Channel](#).

Follow Marshal the Courthouse Facility Dog on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see Marshal hard at work!



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