

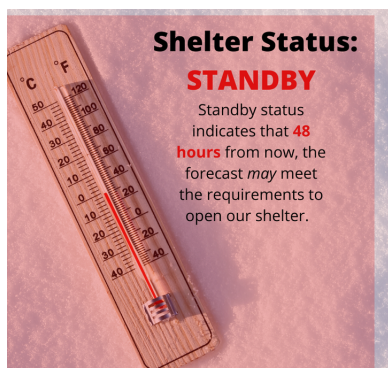


OAK LAWN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OVERNIGHT WARMING STATION



Our plan defines a cold weather event and sets the activation threshold for the Station at the following temperatures: **36 degrees wet** (with 20% precipitation) **or 32 dry** (with no precipitation.) We utilize weather.gov for forecasts and the determination to open will be made in three stages or statuses. This allows us to notify volunteers and partners well in advance to ready them for the shelter. The three statuses are as follows:



STANDBY = in 48+ hours we see potential inclement weather that meets our requirements for opening.

ALERT = in 24+ hours we see potential inclement weather that meets our requirements for opening.

ACTIVATION = no later than 6am day of, the weather meets our requirements for opening shelter at 6:00 PM.

If you are in need of shelter, you may call or text our OLOWS Hotline (469-389-1253) at any time to see if we are open for shelter. When we are open for shelter, you are welcome to check-in at 6:00 PM. You may enter the shelter through the double glass doors via the parking lot. During check-in, you will be assigned a specific room and cot and you will be required to check your bags in a secure, locked room. Once you've checked your bags and seen your room/bed assignment, you're invited to join us for dinner at 7:00 PM, or if you wish, you are more than welcome to head to bed! However, our meal is bound to be tasty and hot! We will also serve popcorn as a late snack and play a movie in the community room. Lights out is at 10:00 PM. The following morning, we will serve breakfast at 7:00 AM. If we are opening for shelter that night as well, we will inform you before you leave in the morning. You will be required to check in and get a new wrist band when you return.

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