City of Streetsboro, Ohio Solar Eclipse Information



Why all the hype?

This is the first total solar eclipse our area has seen since 1806, and the last it will see again until 2099. Our region has the potential of seeing hundreds of thousands of additional people in the area during the weekend leading up to the day of the eclipse. It is expected that crowds will remain in the area for at least one more day following the eclipse before traveling back home. Streetsboro will be immersed in the eclipse totality starting at 3:14PM, with totality lasting a little more than 3 minutes.

Are any problems expected?

While we do not anticipate any problems, we do not know how many people will come into Streetsboro the day of the eclipse and must be prepared for any situation. A summary of what various departments are doing in preparation for the eclipse is outlined below.

What is Streetsboro doing to prepare?

Each department within the City of Streetsboro has a staffing plan based on their anticipated needs:

City Hall	Normal staffing & working hours 8:00AM-4:30PM
Fire Department	Additional staff on duty with stand-by deployment as needed around the city.
	Require inspection of food vendors participating in eclipse events around the city no later than April 5 th .
Parks & Recreation	Normal staffing. All employees involved with <i>Total Eclipse In The Park</i> event, which starts at 11:00AM in City Park.
Police Department	Additional staff on duty.
	Monitor traffic along the highways and secondary roads to limit back-ups and ensure all roads remain passable.
Service Department	Normal staffing and work hours. Staff may be held over depending various needs around the city.
	Some staff committed to Parks & Recreation event to assist with traffic control and event safety.
Water Department	Normal staffing and work hours. Staff may be held over depending various needs around the city.

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In addition, Streetsboro Fire Captain Kevin Grimm has been working with officials from the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the development of a county-wide solar eclipse Event Action Plan. This plan predetermines some actions that can and will be taken in response to emergencies or other hazardous conditions that occur prior to and during the eclipse. Captain Grimm will be part of the staffing at the county Emergency Operations Center the day of the eclipse and will coordinate city-wide event monitoring with Streetsboro Fire Inspector Fredmonsky back at the fire station.

Will any services be disrupted?

No city-provided services are anticipating any disruptions. Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Service, Public Works and Public Water continue as normal, while, at the same time, monitoring for potential impacts.

Per ODOT, construction on State Route 43 between Evergreen Dr. and Frost Rd. will be suspended for at least part of the day of the eclipse due to anticipated traffic volume.

Trash pickup and recycling service from Kimble will continue as normal. However, city residents with Kimble trash and recycling services with a Monday pick up should ensure both trash and recycling containers are placed at the street the night before, as pick up routes are expected to start earlier in the day.

Some county provided services, including the courts, are either closed or have adjusted schedules on April 8. Contact the county service provider directly for details.

Where is the best place to view the eclipse in Streetsboro?

Any location with little to no artificial light will offer the best viewing options. Streetsboro Parks & Recreation is hosting the *Total Eclipse In The Park* event on April 8th. This event starts at 11AM and runs until 4PM. For more information visit https://www.cityofstreetsboro.com/documents/winter-spring-24-community-guide/.

KOA Campground and Woodside Campground are opening early for campers. Contact each campground for additional details. We are aware that some churches and other businesses will have a watch event for their parishioners and staff in safe viewing locations.

Remember, wherever you view the eclipse, be sure to wear the proper viewing glasses to prevent permanent damage to your eyes.

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Is there anything else I can do to prepare for the eclipse?

ATTENDING AN ECLIPSE EVENT:

If you are attending an eclipse event, on arrival, find a safe and convenient location where your group can meet up in case you get separated. Remember, in areas where there are large crowds, cell phone service may be limited.

NOT ATTENDING AN ECLIPSE EVENT:

If you are not attending an event, avoid traveling on the afternoon of April 8th if possible. We do not know how many people will come into Streetsboro for the eclipse, but any added traffic will only increase the daily congestion along our highways.

To avoid potential congestion, consider running errands during the week prior to the eclipse. If you must travel on the day of the eclipse, try doing so earlier in the day.

If you must travel, don't stop on the side of the road to view the eclipse. Instead, pull off the road to a safe parking area before totality starts at 3:14PM.

Following the total solar eclipse and the conclusion of events related to the eclipse, anticipate increased traffic on the road, especially on state highways, interstates, and the Ohio Turnpike, along with the normal 'rush hour' traffic.