

Furlough closure schedule for the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal

Tough economic times have severely reduced state revenues, forcing legislatures throughout the nation to make deep cuts in state budgets. Nearly half the states found temporary closures and furloughs an efficient way to save tax dollars while preserving important functions and services of state government.

To address its own budget cuts, Oregon's state government will close most agencies on ten Fridays throughout the current two-year budget period, saving Oregon's taxpayers about \$2 million a day (see the list of closure dates below). The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is one of these agencies. The closures require our employees take mandatory unpaid furloughs on those days.

The Governor's executive team has worked with the unions representing state workers to agree upon the closure dates, taking into account the need to minimize inconvenience to the public. We have thus avoided costly and contentious legal battles some other states have endured when public employees contested planned furloughs and closures.

The state has scheduled the following dates as closure days with mandatory unpaid furloughs (all are Fridays):

October 16, 2009
November 27, 2009
March 19, 2010
April 16, 2010
June 18, 2010
August 20, 2010
September 17, 2010
November 26, 2010
March 18, 2011
May 20, 2011

Regular holiday closure schedule:

Wednesday, November 11, 2009	(Veteran's Day)
Thursday, November 26, 2009	(Thanksgiving Day)
Friday, December 25, 2009	(Christmas Day)
Friday, January 1, 2010	(New Year's Day)
Monday, January 18, 2010	(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Monday, February 15, 2010	(Presidents Day)
Monday, May 31, 2010	(Memorial Day)
Monday, July 5, 2010	(Independence Day)
Monday, September 6, 2010	(Labor Day)
Thursday, November 11, 2010	(Veteran's Day)
Thursday, November 25, 2010	(Thanksgiving Day)
Friday, December 24, 2010	(Christmas Day)
Friday, December 31, 2010	(New Year's Day)
Monday, January 17, 2011	(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Monday, February 21, 2011	(Presidents Day)
Monday, May 30, 2011	(Memorial Day)
Monday, July 4, 2011	(Independence Day)
Monday, September 5, 2011	(Labor Day)
Friday, November 11, 2011	(Veteran's Day)
Thursday, November 24, 2011	(Thanksgiving Day)
Monday, December 26, 2011	(Christmas Day)