

Ritual Cancellation Policy

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The Assembly of Stewards, as well as the person(s) officiating the ritual, have the power to cancel a ritual based upon the condition of the ritual location, inclement weather, or other conditions that may risk injury to the attendees.

Following are the cancellation guidelines:

Out of doors rituals

1. Outside temperature will be less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. Active precipitation (actively raining or snowing)

Out of doors Esbats and Sabbats always have a backup date scheduled. If the initial ritual must be cancelled, use the backup date.

Indoor rituals

1. Weather conditions make it unlikely that people can attend (e.g. city receives more than 4 inches of snow on the day of the ritual, icy conditions exist that will make roads hazardous, etc.).

The Assembly of Stewards will decide if a cancelled indoor ritual should be rescheduled based on the availability of space and the funding needed.

Upon determination of ritual cancellation, a sign will be posted at the ritual location (when possible), an email announcing the cancellation and any backup plans will be sent out from the ESP email account and non-internet members will be called by phone.

Cancellation decisions, other than weather caused cancellations, for Esbats will be made by 12 noon on ritual day. Cancellation decisions, other than weather caused cancellations, for Sabbats will be made no later than 6 hours before the ritual.

During ritual, presenters of the ritual are responsible for the decision of ending a ritual prematurely due to weather conditions.