

Town of Woodbridge Emergency Preparation Guide Fall 2017



While it is not pleasant to think about, we all know natural disasters do strike, so it is best to be prepared. If Woodbridge is hit by a hurricane, flood, or other emergency, Town officials are prepared to manage the situation. Please help us by reviewing the following information and planning in advance so your household is fully prepared. Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

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The CT ALERT System

The State of Connecticut CT ALERT system uses the 9-1-1 database to alert residents of life-threatening emergency conditions. **Your home telephone number is already registered**, but you may add cell phones, business phones, e-mail, text messages, and hearing impaired receiving (TTY) devices. You may also choose to be notified in more than one town or location. To add or change your settings, visit the CT ALERT website at: www.ctalert.gov (the public may access a computer at the Town Library or at the Senior Center).

Your contact information will be used only for emergency purposes, and will be kept strictly confidential. It will not be provided to any vendor or third party organization.

Reporting Power Outages & Downed Wires

To report a power outage call United Illuminating at 800-722-5584. **Downed wires and trees on wires are dangerous! Treat every downed wire as if it were live.** Remember downed trees and limbs can hide live wires and conduct electricity to the surrounding area. To report downed wires call 9-1-1 and a dispatcher will then coordinate with Public Safety and United Illuminating to make the area safe.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
<i>(for Ambulance, Fire, and Police)</i>	
Police (<i>non-emergency</i>)	203-387-2511
Fire (<i>non-emergency</i>).....	203-389-3441
Town Hall.....	203-389-3400
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Emergency Management	203-387-2511
Director	ext. 114
Human Services.....	203-389-3429
Senior Center	203-389-3430
Municipal Animal Control ...	203-389-5991
Quinnipiack Valley Health District.....	203-248-4528
Dept. of Public Works	203-389-3420

For more information during an emergency please consult the following websites:

The Town of Woodbridge at: woodbridge.org
The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association at: woodbridgefire.com
The Woodbridge Police Department at: woodbridge.org/police
The Quinnipiack Valley Health District at: qvhd.org

Town of Woodbridge
11 Meetinghouse Lane
Woodbridge, CT 06525

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
US POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local Postal Customer
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Download the CT Prepares Mobile App

The Connecticut Emergency Preparedness Mobile Application allows you to access information and alerts on the go in the event of an emergency. Create interactive emergency kits, customize family communication plans, and view preparation guides on what to do in an emergency all from your mobile device.

The CT Prepares app will integrate with your smartphone or tablet's text messaging, email, and social networks, allowing users to inform family members when they are safe. Real-time notifications can be sent directly to the device providing up-to-the-minute information. Links to emergency needs such as shelters, food, and assistance will be at hand.

The CT Prepares app allows users to:

- Create interactive checklists
- Prepare a family plan
- Notify emergency personnel
- View preparation guides for different emergencies
- Sign up for alerts
- Contact family members
- View emergency news and events
- Locate emergency services
- View weather



Download the app for Android devices (from Google Play) at: <http://bit.ly/androidCT>

For Apple devices (from iTunes) at: <http://bit.ly/appleCT>

Preparing For Your Family's Unique Needs

Keep an Emergency Health Information card for each member of the family, listing primary language you speak, disabilities, medical needs, allergies, doctor information, and who to contact in case of an emergency. Prepare an **Emergency Kit**: water, flashlights, batteries, medication, cash, non-perishable food for 3 days, and a transistor or crank radio. Households on well water may fill a bathtub with water for use flushing toilets.

Emergency Shelter

Should emergency officials decide to open a shelter, the Town's Designated Emergency Shelter is:

The Center Gym/Senior Center, 4 Meetinghouse Lane

- Bring all medications with you
- Advise the shelter prior to arrival of any special needs, i.e. wheelchair, etc. by calling 203-389-3430
- Bring cell phone and charger, and change of clothes

Emergency Public Water Supply

Should you need drinking water during a power outage or other emergency, there are water spigots available for public use at:

- The Center Gym/Senior Center – 4 Meetinghouse Lane (*spigots located on both sides of building*)

Spigots may be shut off during winter (call 203-389-3420 to check availability or alternate arrangements).

Fire Safety

Every home should have:

- Smoke Alarms/CO Detectors (test monthly and replace the batteries every six months when clocks are reset for Daylight Savings Time)
- Fire Extinguishers (know how to use them and check the gauge to ensure they are kept charged)
- A household fire evacuation plan (practice periodic exit drills and make sure babysitters and other guests know how to make a quick and safe escape in the event of fire)

During a power outage it is best to use flashlights and other battery operated lighting rather than candles. Be sure that generators are used outdoors only, in a well-ventilated area away from doors, windows and vents.

Helping Others

Please be aware of neighbors who may need assistance. Those who live alone, or are disabled, might especially welcome your help.

Helping Pets

Please remember to plan for your pet's needs, as well as your own. Pets will need emergency food and water, too. If you evacuate, do not leave pets behind to fend for themselves — plan to take them with you to the Emergency Shelter (there will be a nearby Animal Shelter), or make other arrangements for them. Be sure to have a pet carrier or crate for emergencies.

Information For Seniors & Special Needs

- Do you have medication that needs refrigeration?
- Do you have medical equipment that requires electricity to operate?
- If stranded at home by bad weather, would you like a call?

If so, please register now by calling 203-389-3429.

School Closing Information

Be sure your family is signed up to receive notice of school closings, delayed openings, or early dismissals due to weather or other emergency.

Notifications will be distributed by automated messaging services (Amity Middle School and High School: Alert Solutions; Beecher Road Elementary School: Honeywell Instant Alert), radio, television, and the school district web sites:

- High School and Middle School: AmityRegion5.org
- Beecher Road School: Woodbridge.k12.ct.us