

# Town of Woodbridge

## Emergency Preparation Guide



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.

Beth Heller  
First Selectman

### 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: [ctalert.gov](http://ctalert.gov). (The public may access a computer at the Town Library or 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 or visit [uinet.com](http://uinet.com) (you may also register for alerts and updates). **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. 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	
Human Services.....	203-389-3429
Senior Center .....	203-389-3430
Municipal Animal Control ...	203-389-5991
Quinnipiac 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: [woodbridgect.org](http://woodbridgect.org)
- The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association at: [woodbridgefire.com](http://woodbridgefire.com)
- The Woodbridge Police Department at: [woodbridgect.org/police](http://woodbridgect.org/police)
- The Quinnipiac Valley Health District at: [qvhd.org](http://qvhd.org)

Town of Woodbridge  
11 Meetinghouse Lane  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Local Postal Customer  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

## Download the CTPrepares 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 CTPrepares 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 CTPrepares 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



The CTPrepares app is available free of charge—download onto your device from wherever you shop for your apps. For more details go to: [ct.gov/CTPrepares](http://ct.gov/CTPrepares)

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## Preparing for Your Family's Unique Needs

Keep an Emergency Health Information card for each member of the family, listing your primary language, 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 three days, and a transistor or crank radio. Households with well water may fill a bathtub with water for 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 special needs, i.e. wheelchair, etc. by calling 203-389-3430.
- Bring cell phone, charger, and change of clothes.

### Emergency Public Water Supply

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

- The Center Gym/Senior Center, 4 Meetinghouse Lane (*spigots located on both sides of building*).
- The Woodbridge Firehouse, 100 Center Road (*spigot located at front of building*).

Spigots may be shut off during winter.

### 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 generators are used outdoors only in well-ventilated areas at least 15' from doors, windows, and vents.

### Helping Others

Be aware of neighbors needing assistance. Those who live alone or are disabled might especially welcome your help.

### Helping Pets

Remember your pet's food, water, and safety needs. If you evacuate, take pets and their medications with you. Pets cannot stay at the Emergency Shelter—but will be safe nearby. Call 203-389-5991 with pet care questions. If unable to transport your pet, Animal Control will be available to help.

### 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 call 203-389-3429 to be added to the Emergency Call List.

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## School Closing Information

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

Notifications will be distributed by the automated messaging services (SwiftK12 Alert is used by Amity Middle School and High School, as well as Beecher Road Elementary School—sign-up to stay informed), radio, television, and the school district websites:

- High School and Middle School: [AmityRegion5.org](http://AmityRegion5.org)
  - Beecher Road School: [Woodbridge.k12.ct.us](http://Woodbridge.k12.ct.us)
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