



# WINTER STORMS

## Prepare and Share

Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. These can make for dangerous driving conditions and hazardous conditions for pedestrians. These storms also bring the risk of downed trees and power lines, which can cause loss of electrical power and cellphone service.

Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- Stay home. Stay off the roads, if at all possible.  
No on-street parking during a parking ban!
- Make sure you are prepared in case you lose power:
  - Charge cellphone and other devices.
  - Have a few days of food and water available.
  - Have a battery-operated radio available.
- Report a power outage to Eversource, 800-286-2000
- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows.
- Clear snow away from hydrants on your property.
- If your house has natural gas, make sure the meter is not covered by snow.
- Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling snow.
- Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.
- Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, wear layers of warm clothing.
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Make sure you are signed up for West Hartford's Community Advisory Notification System found on the Town's website: [westhartfordct.gov](http://westhartfordct.gov)

For more information on how to prepare for winter weather, please visit FEMA's website: [ready.gov/winter-weather](http://ready.gov/winter-weather)



### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergencies: 860-523-5203

CT Natural Gas: 860-456-8747

MDC: 860-278-7850

Town Hall: 860-561-7500

Public Works: 860-561-8100

Eversource: 800-286-2000

Report a Power Outage:

<https://www.eversource.com/cg/customer/reportoutage>

