

# Emergency Information and Resources From The Weston Emergency Management Team

Please **do not** throw away. Keep on hand for when needed and read through carefully. Take a photo with your cellphone for reference. Can be found at: [westonvt.org/emergency](http://westonvt.org/emergency)

## **Help Now:**

- Emergencies (Life Threatening, immediate danger or hazard): Call 9-1-1
- Immediate Needs (Non-emergency needs, information and referrals: Call 2-1-1
- Mental Health Emergencies: Call 9-8-8
- Road Closures: 5-1-1 or go to: [newengland511.org](http://newengland511.org)
- Poison Control (Contact immediately if you suspect a poisoning): Call 1-800-222-1222

## **Resources:**

- **VT Alert:** Free service to receive personalized alerts via phone, text or email about emergencies that affect you and your loved ones: **Sign up at: [VTALERT.GOV](http://VTALERT.GOV)**
- **CARE** (Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies): For elders or for people with certain disabilities. Key partners: the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board, Vermont Emergency Management, United Ways of Vermont, and Vermont 211. These agencies work together to provide a means for emergency responders to identify and aid CARE registrants in the event of a wide-scale emergency. **Sign up at: [E911.VERMONT.GOV/CARE](http://E911.VERMONT.GOV/CARE)**
- **Neighborhood Connections:** Local health and social service agency that helps those in need find assistance, resources and advocacy – Resource for case management, transportation program and more. Call: 802-824-4343 or: [neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org](http://neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org)

## **Fire Safety:**

- Check smoke alarms and replace batteries twice a year; we recommend doing this when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings
- If you have a wood stove or pellet stove have the chimney cleaned and checked once a year
- Don't use your oven to heat your home
- Don't use propane heaters inside
- Practice what to do in case of a fire or other emergency, regularly, and involve the whole household.

## **Power Outages and Winter Storms:**

- Report power outages to Green Mountain Power  
**Call:** (888) 835-4672 **Text:** "OUT" to 46788 **Online:** [greenmountainpower.com/report-outage](http://greenmountainpower.com/report-outage)
- To check the status of power outages go to: [greenmountainpower.com/outages](http://greenmountainpower.com/outages)
- Be a good neighbor - Check on elderly or special needs relatives, friends, and neighbors, to make sure they are keeping warm safely and have sufficient food and water.

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- Prepare for an outage: have a weeks' worth of food and water. Fill your bathtub with water so you may flush your toilet.
- Open cabinets and have water faucets drip when in an extended outage to prevent pipes bursting in extreme cold
- Ensure all heating outside vents are clear of snow or other obstructions to prevent Carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Have a well-stocked Winter Home Emergency Supply Kit that includes flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, bottled water and non-perishable food.
- Keep vehicle gas tanks above ½ way full if not full at all times though the winter. If you get stuck on the road you may need to idle for a long time to stay warm. Or, if there is a power outage, a resource to shelter in your vehicle.
- Have a well-stocked Winter Emergency Car Kit: Flashlight and extra batteries, Charged cell phone/automobile charger, Basic first-aid kit, Pocket knife, Blankets, Extra clothes (boots, mittens, socks), High-calorie, non-perishable foods, Windshield scraper & brush, Battery jumper cables, Road flares/reflectors, Brightly colored cloth to utilize as a flag and Road maps

## **Other Weston References:**

- Animal Control Officer: Pat Salo 802-688-4020
- Weston Volunteer Fire Department non-emergency 802-824-3539
- Vermont State Police Non-emergency 802-722-4600
- Fire Warden: Denis Benson 802-824-3418
- Selectboard: [selectboard@westonvt.org](mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org) 802-824-6988
- Town Garage: 802-824-6890