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Wethersfield Storm Related Update

Dear Town Residents and Business Owners:

Please be advised that, effective, Monday, August 10, 2020 the Wethersfield Physical Services Department will begin residential curbside debris collection related to the storm.

This special collection will last for two weeks with a completion date of Friday August 21, 2020. Residents are advised to place only storm debris at the curbside. Debris should not be left in the street.

Residents also have the option to bring storm debris (vegetation only) to the Town Transfer Station located at 100 Marsh Street. Proof of residency will be required to dispose of storm debris at the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is open Monday & Friday from 9:00 am - 2:45 pm and on Saturday from 8:00 am - 3:45 pm.

Additional information related to town services is available on the town website, in the town management report, or by contacting the appropriate department.

The town continues to work with Eversource to get power restored. We were hit hard by the storm and continue to see much improvement compared to many other towns. Eversource is currently estimating around 2000 without power in town. People currently with power may have temporary outages as Eversource may need to de-energize the line order to address other issues or areas of town.

Here is the most recent state-wide information from Eversource:

- Overnight restoration progress was significant, as service to about 91,500 customers was accomplished since our 10 p.m. Thursday, August 6 update.
- As of 9:15 a.m. Friday morning, there are approximately 414,000 customers without service and 526,834 customers have been restored since the storm began at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4.
- With more than 1,000 crews deployed today and more on the way, Eversource estimates storm restoration (statewide) will be substantially complete by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, with many customers being restored sooner.

In addition to restoring service, Eversource continues to focus on working with communities to clear downed trees and brush and open access to blocked roads. The CT National Guard is assisting with these efforts.

As of 8 a.m. Friday, August 7 Eversource identified:

- 812 broken poles
- 4,813 downed spans of electrical wire
- 3,459 trees to be removed
- 1,021 blocked roads
- 293 damaged transformers

As a reminder for safety purposes, if you see a downed wire, call Eversource at 800-286-2000 or 911 to report it. Stay as far away as possible until Eversource arrives to make the area safe.

Before you use a generator, make sure it is connected by a qualified electrician and to a home's wiring through a special transfer switch. This ensures electricity produced by the generator does not back-feed into our electrical lines, endangering the lives of utility line technicians.

Always operate generators outdoors and as far from the house as possible. Keep it away from doors, windows and air vents to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Eversource and the town are asking for your patience and recognize the tremendous inconvenience being without electricity presents during this unusual time of COVID-19, with so many people attempting to work from home.

Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Evans

Town Manager