



# **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

**FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA**

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This is First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message will be listed on the Town's website when possible. As you are aware, East Windsor is suffering from the tropical storm that has affected roadways across the state during this statewide emergency. As of this call, there are 3,695 residents in East Windsor still without power, and 529,217 residents serviced by Eversource around the state without power.

Our Emergency Operations Center continues to be activated. I have been in contact with state officials urging as quick a response as possible for our community, and our Emergency Management Team (which consists of the police department, both fire departments, public works, and the ambulance association) are holding twice-daily meetings with Eversource representatives to ensure good lines of communication between all parties as the recovery and restoration work continues. I'll also be participating in a state-wide call with Governor Lamont and municipal leaders this evening to learn more about the statewide recovery and its impact on East Windsor.

Our fire departments will also be supporting Eversource's recovery and restoration work by assessing the reported damage to make sure Eversource has a complete accounting of the work to be done. If you are aware of down trees or wires, you can report them to Eversource by calling 800-286-2000.

Since my update yesterday, some progress has been made. Many of our roads had been significantly impacted by the storm and were left impassable. Many of those road closures have been resolved. Our local Department of Public Works crew is working in tandem with Eversource to clear and make safe all roads throughout Town. The goal is to have every roadway in town open before the end of the day. Please be mindful of the public works crews that are out there working on the community clean up. The Public Works crew is working with Eversource to open the following roads, in this order:

- Route 140 is closed between Wells and Yosky
- Winkler Road is closed between Route 140 and Newberry Road
- Pleasant Street is closed between North Main and Gardner

Due to high temperatures and considerable power outages, the Town will continue to host a cooling/charging center at the East Windsor Town Hall Annex. The center will be open until 7pm today and will be open from 11am to 5pm tomorrow.

If anyone in the community has a Social Services need, they can reach that office by calling the main office number at 860-623-2430. So far, I have ensured that Town employees have been able to provide food, oxygen, cots and generators where necessary.

With more than half a million residents still without power in Connecticut, it is likely to be several more days before power is fully restored. I strongly encourage those with power to reach out to family and friends to offer assistance where and when you can. If you are staying in your home without power or



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generators and need to fill water containers to be able to flush a toilet, you can fill up containers at either the Broad Brook or Warehouse Point Fire Departments. If you need power to administer medical treatments, the fire houses are available as well.

During this recovery, please remember that we are also in the middle of a global pandemic, so we still need to follow public health protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you should need assistance, please call the East Windsor Police Department main line at 860-292-8240.

  
Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman

