



# **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. There are currently 2,369 residences in town without power, and 399,979 residents serviced by Eversource around the state are still without power.

Our Emergency Management Team continues to have twice-daily phone calls with Eversource representatives as a means of communicating to them problems that we see around town. As of 9am this morning, Eversource had identified 9 priority 2 areas and 11 priority three areas that remain outstanding. These numbers are fluid, but we have seen reductions in both areas since yesterday evening. These identified prioritization areas are for the recovery phase (in our case, most likely to be downed wires or poles at this point). Restoration work is separate from recovery and continues to happen simultaneously. They continue to focus on restoration work that will restore the largest number of outages at any one time. Please be patient as they continue that work. However, if you are still experiencing an outage or see something that needs to be repaired as part of the recovery phase, please report it to their customer call-in number at 800-286-2000.

There are still several intersections without power, including the onramps to both highway exits. Please exercise extreme caution when passing through that area.

Like many of you, the Town continues to have communication issues with our phone and internet as a result of storm and the widespread outages. Urgent issues can be communicated to the Police Department main line by calling 860-292-8240.

The Town will continue to provide a cooling/charging station at the Town Hall Annex today until 5pm and 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, the Town is providing access to showers at East Windsor High School tomorrow and Sunday from 9am to 1pm. Some limited toiletries will be available, but people are encouraged to bring their own soap and shampoo and will need to provide their own towels. Police and Town staff will be posted to ensure security and COVID-19 best practices, including social distancing, are adhered to. Anyone who may need to take a shower can enter through the back door nearest the gymnasium.

Despite all of this, there is still a primary election next Tuesday. To ensure that your ballot is received on time to be counted, if you haven't mailed it already, you can drop your ballot off at the secure ballot drop box outside of Town Hall. Remember to place your ballot into both the inner and outer envelopes.

Again, I want to thank the dedicated folks from our Emergency Management Team who have done an amazing job during this storm response. I'm exceptionally proud of the work done by our fire departments, police department, public works crew, ambulance association and community services department. Over this long and stressful hours, they've all worked together seamlessly.



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I will provide another update on where things stand later this evening.

Thank you.

  
Jason E. Bowsza  
First Selectman

