



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 2,309 outages in town, and 353,237 homes serviced by Eversource around the state are still without power.

During our evening phone call with Eversource, our Emergency Management Team continued to provide feedback concerning key infrastructure that still doesn't have power, in particular the Broad Brook Fire Department, Town Hall, Park Hill, Public Works, and the emergency radio tower, which is critical to ensure that our emergency services can communicate with each other. We have been assured that all of those are in the queue for attention. Representative Davis and I have also been in touch with DOT raising concerns about the continued outages at the exit 44 and exit 45 onramps, which pose a significant public safety hazard. Please continue to exercise caution when traveling through the area.

During the restoration work, people may see their power restored and then go out again. This is most likely due to additional infrastructure being repaired along the circuit, and power will be restored again once the repair work on the circuit is completed. This should be hours, not days. Eversource is continuing to work on pinch points that will restore the largest number of homes as quickly as possible. 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.

I've had a lot of people asking about the restoration of phone and internet. That is likely to occur once power is restored to the area where your provider's wire cabinet is located, unless there is damage to their infrastructure that needs to be addressed. In some cases, they may not know about that until power is restored to the cabinet. So, internet and phone service may come back on quickly, depending on when the cabinets are re-energized.

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.

Just a reminder that the Town will provide a cooling/charging station at the Town Hall Annex from 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

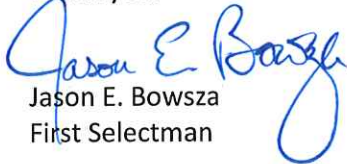


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distancing, are adhered to. Anyone who may need to take a shower can enter through the back door nearest the gymnasium.

Thank you.


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

