



# Town of Salem

## *Department of Emergency Management*

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**December 22, 2022**

First Selectman Ed Chmielewski has coordinated with our Emergency Management Director and storm essential personnel including; Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Chiefs, Emergency Services, CT State Police and Public Works to review pre-storm preparations and plans. Internal staffing, material and resource assessments continue. **Call 911 for emergencies**

A Wind Advisory and Coastal Flood Warnings are in effect for our area. Town crews and public safety personnel are prepared. The latest forecast is predicting heavy rain, high winds A Flash freeze is expected when temperatures drop quickly from the afternoon to early evening hours.

Hazardous road conditions may result. Downed tree limbs and utility wires are possible with this event. If you must travel during the storm, be sure you have a full tank of gas in your vehicle, dress appropriately and ensure your cell phone is fully charged.

Visit the Salem Town website at <http://www.salemct.gov/> for news and announcements and register for Everbridge to receive Salem town-wide emergency notifications. For statewide emergency management news and resources, visit the state's *CTPrepares* website at [ct.gov/ctprepares](http://ct.gov/ctprepares) . For Eversource updates, or to report a power outage go to: <https://www.eversource.com/content/>

### **Eversource Update - Wind Advisory & Coastal Flood Warning**

Eversource has declared the *potential* for more than 125,000 customers might go without power and the *potential* for more than 1,500 trouble spots.

- Eversource continues to make proactive staffing preparations for a wind and rain event forecasted to impact Connecticut Thursday evening through Saturday morning.
- Several weather models showing up to 3 inches of rain and sustained winds from 15-30 mph, and hazardous wind gusts of 60 mph and potentially up to 70 mph along the coast are being monitored.
- The combination of soaking rain and strong winds is likely to bring down trees and tree limbs onto power lines and equipment, causing outages.
- Potential impacts are predicted to begin late Thursday night and will continue throughout the day Friday, with storm squalls and thunderstorms continuing to be a possibility.
- Bitter cold temperatures will enter the state following the storm front, causing flash freezing and difficult restoration conditions, including crew travel to damage locations.
- Eversource's Emergency Operation Centers will open at 6 a.m. on Friday.
- Hundreds of external electric crews have already been secured to assist restoration across the three states. See the chart below for details. The total counts are fluid and subject to change.
- This wide-ranging event, impacting multiple states is constraining the number of additional crews available.
- Vacations have been cancelled for Eversource employees supporting storm restoration.

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Respectfully;

Ed Chmielewski  
First Selectman