

MAKE A PLAN

- Discuss the types of hazards that could affect your family (fire, flood, power outage, etc.)
- Pick a safe place outside your home to meet; identify two or three safe ways to evacuate your home if necessary.

 Your Neighborhood Meeting Place:
- Pick a safe place in your town to meet (library, place of worship). *Your Town Meeting Place:*
- Designate an out-of-state contact so all family members have a single point of contact during an emergency. Your Out-of-State Contact:
- Designate an out-of-state meeting point if necessary.
- Consider downloading a
 Preparedness App such as: <u>FEMA</u>,
 <u>CT Prepares</u> or <u>Red Cross</u> (allows you to communicate via one text to all family and friends. During an outage, text messages are more reliable than phone calls.)
- Always keep cash on hand in case banks are closed or without power.



GET INVOLVED

- Get to know your neighbors so that you can help them or they can help you.
- Get involved through your place of worship or local service organization such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rotary, etc.
- Learn more about your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Ask a representative from the Ridgefield CERT team to talk to your neighborhood about how you as a group can be better prepared.
- To learn more about becoming a Ridgefield CERT volunteer, call 203-431-2700 or email ridgefieldpio@gmail.com.





RIDGEFIELD IS READY! Are you?



MAKING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS A PRIORITY



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BE INFORMED

- Register with CTAlert at <u>www.CTAlert.gov</u> to receive accurate, time-sensitive Ridgefield-based notifications via email, text message, home or cell phone.
- Follow Town Emergency Communications
 Twitter: @CTRidgefield & Facebook: RidgefieldCT
- Emergency Preparedness
 Communications will be posted
 at Ridgefield Town Hall and
 Parks & Recreation in the event
 all power is out.
- Monitor local radio stations:
 - --850AM-WREF
- --800AM-WLAD
- --880AM-WCBS
- --98.3FM-WDAQ
- --95.1FM-WRKI

Important Websites:

www.ridgefieldct.org

www.ready.gov

www.FEMA.gov

www.CTAlert.gov

WWW.eversource.com (formerly CL&P)



BE PREPARED

BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

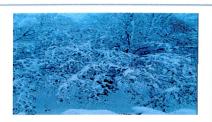
- Make or purchase an emergency supply kit, including pet items if applicable (items to include in kit can be found at www.ready.gov).
- Trim trees, shrubs and other potential hazards to your home.
- Test your generator monthly, if you have one.
- Fill all prescriptions; have cash on hand in case banks are closed.
- Charge cell phones & electronic devices; consider purchasing car charger for cell phone.
- Fill all vehicle gas tanks and keep an extra full gas can on hand.
- Fill bathtub with water to be used for flushing toilets.

DURING AN EMERGENCY

- Stay inside & wait out the storm.
- Stay away from windows.
- Avoid using landline phones.
- Power off electronics if necessary; keep refrigerator closed.

AFTER AN EMERGENCY

- Check on neighbors, especially elderly or disabled.
- Call Eversource if power fails. Plan to be without power for a long time.
- Monitor local communications as listed in "BE INFORMED" section.
- Be prepared to go to the Town Shelter (Parks & Recreation at 195 Danbury Road) if necessary.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

ALL EMERGENCIES: 911

Ridgefield Police Non-Emergency (203) 438-6531
Ridgefield Fire Department Dispatch(203) 431-2724
CT Info Line211
Eversource (CL&P)(800) 286-2000
Comcast(800) 266-2278
Frontier Communications(800) 921-8101
Family Doctor:Phone Number:
Family Dentist:Phone Number:
Veterinarian:Phone Number:
Medical Insurance Co: Phone Number: Policy Number:
Homeowners/Rental Insurance Co:
Phone Number:Policy Number: