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Frigid temperatures invade the community

The Town of Greenwich First Selectman's Office along with the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Health, Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services stand ready to assist residents in need of heat and shelter in anticipation of the predicted sub-freezing temperatures that will settle over the entire state from Thursday, January 15 through Saturday, January 17, 2009.

The wind chills over those days will cause temperatures at night to be below zero in some areas.

In coordination with the American Red Cross, Public Safety and Health Department, several "warming centers" have been established in town to assist residents who have lost power and/or heat and will be open during regular business hours that are listed below.

Location

Greenwich Hospital's Main Lobby-5 Perryridge Road
The Greenwich Library-101 West Putnam Avenue
The Senior Center- 299 Greenwich Avenue

Time

Thu, Fri, Sat -8am-6pm
Thu, Fri- 9am-9pm, Sat-9am-5pm
Thu- Fri-8am-4pm

Winter Weather and Extreme Cold and Tips on Keeping Warm

Dangerous winter weather can include winter storms and blizzards that can be in combination with heavy snow, ice accumulation and dangerous wind chills.

Residents can keep warm by following a few safety measures while outdoors like wear a hat, scarf and gloves as well as staying dry. Also, while indoors make sure to dress efficiently, eat regularly and keep hydrated.

Emergency Telephone Numbers for Utility companies:

Connecticut Light and Power-1-800-286-2000
Connecticut Natural Gas- 203-869-6900

In the event that you lose heat or do not have a warm place to stay, the Town of Greenwich is prepared to open emergency shelters on an as needed basis and residents should contact the Greenwich Police Department at 203-622-8000 for assistance.

For those residents that have heating issues, such as running out of heating fuel and cannot get a delivery they should contact the info line at 211 for assistance.

This is a time for the residents of the community to show unity and come together and reach out to their neighbors, especially the elderly so no one is without shelter or heat over the next couple of days.