

Historic Flooding in Woodbury Recovery Efforts

Residents of Woodbury, as we enter recovery mode, please continue to look at the multiple official channels of communication for updates. As you all know, our town along with multiple towns around us suffered significant impacts to infrastructure, homes, and businesses. In the aftermath of a disaster, the road to recovery can be long and challenging. Our community's strength lies in coming together and supporting one another through this difficult time. Here's what you can do to aid recovery efforts and ensure the safety and well-being of everyone:

1. **Stay Informed:** Keep up to date with official information from local authorities and emergency services. Follow instructions regarding safety, cleanup, and the availability of essential services. Look for road closure and condition updates and obey all postage signage.
2. **Health and Safety:** Be mindful of your health during recovery. Wear protective gear while cleaning up debris and be cautious of potential hazards like downed power lines, contaminated water, and unstable structures. If you or someone you know is injured, seek medical attention immediately. For any concerns about well water in previously flooded areas, please contact the health department.
3. **Help Your Neighbors:** Check on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly, disabled, or may need extra assistance. Helping each other is crucial in the recovery process.
4. **Document Damage:** If your property has been damaged, take photos or videos for insurance claims. Make a list of damaged or lost items and report them as soon as possible.
5. **Accessing Assistance:** We are only in the beginning phases of assessments and the state is working on seeing what assistance if any will be available. This is a process that takes time, and the Town of Woodbury will continue to post information as it becomes available.
6. **Volunteer and Donate:** If you're able to help, consider volunteering your time or donating to reputable organizations. Your contribution can make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by the disaster. Please be aware of scams and if you are not sure or believe you are being scammed report it to officials.
7. **Mental Health Support:** Disasters take an emotional toll. If you or someone you know is struggling, don't hesitate to seek mental health support.
8. **Rebuilding Together:** Recovery is a community effort. Please continue to support our Public Works Personnel, First Responders, all of our wonderful volunteers, neighbors and businesses in our community as they get back on their feet.

By working together, we can rebuild and recover stronger than ever. Remember, recovery is a marathon, not a sprint. Stay patient, stay resilient, and stay connected.

For more information and resources, use the following websites, social media pages and phone numbers:

- **Emergency Services:** 911
- **Emergency Manager:** (203) 695-3037
- **Senior Centers:** (203) 263-2828
- **Social Services:** (203) 263-4117
- **Fire Department:** (203) 263-3100
- **Police Department:** (203) 263-3400
- **Eversource:** (800) 286-2000
- **United Way 211:** free health and human service information and referral helpline. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 211 or visit the website at www.211ct.org.