

# Stay Informed

## Additional Resources for information related to your safety

- Town of Portland: [www.portlandct.org](http://www.portlandct.org)
- Radio Stations: WMRD 1150 AM and WTIC 96.5 FM
- State Information Line Dial 211 or: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Department of Health: [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph)
- Public Drinking Water: [www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater](http://www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater)
- National Flood Insurance Program: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- Carbon Monoxide Information: [www.ct.gov/dph/co](http://www.ct.gov/dph/co)



## Portland Citizen Alert System

Portland has the ability to alert its citizens through the Everbridge System. In the event of an emergency, this system allows our town officials to provide important information to its citizens. If you would like to be added to the CT Alert Emergency Notification System, go to [www.ctalert.gov](http://www.ctalert.gov) and register your contact telephone numbers (home, work, cell phone) as well as your email address for the latest information and instructions.

Portland Police, Fire Department and Town officials will place important information on this system that will alert citizens to weather, traffic, health, town water and public works related emergencies.

Please Help Us Help You,  
sign up for this important alert system!

[www.ctalert.gov](http://www.ctalert.gov)

## TOWN OF PORTLAND

### *SHELTER GUIDELINES* *Department of Emergency Management*



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## Shelter Information

At the time of need the Town of Portland along with the Red Cross is responsible for providing temporary shelter for persons unable to make their own arrangements.

In the event of an evacuation, Portland has both a Temporary Shelter as well as a Mass Shelter.

If you are evacuated, every effort should be made to arrange housing with family and friends or any persons offering space before going to the Town shelter.

**Temporary Shelter:** Portland Senior Center (7 Waverly Avenue) will be used for a short term event to accommodate a small localized evacuation of less than 20 people for no more than 12 hours.

**Mass Sheltering::** Portland High School (95 High Street) will be used during a disaster requiring the sheltering of families and groups of citizens, and will provide adequate shelter for victims unable to continue their living arrangements in their own dwellings as a result of disaster.

During this time we will make every attempt to assist you to relocate to a more adequate facility. There is NO SMOKING allowed at the shelters.

**EVACUATE TO A SHELTER ONLY WHEN TOLD TO DO SO BY YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**



## Functions of our Shelters

The Shelter is a temporary place for housing and caring for people in our community during an emergency. Plans should be made in advance as part of your emergency planning kit to make more comfortable arrangements with family or friends.

### *Within our shelter the following services will be provided:*

- Basic food service. (Drink and snack)
- Restrooms and bathing facilities.
- Emergency Medical Services and transportation, if needed, to a care facility.
- Sleeping accommodations: 60 sq ft of space provided with a cot, pillow and blanket.
- Individualized assistance and counseling services will be provided upon request.
- Charging stations for your electronic devices

### *Bring to the shelter:*

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, body & hand towels & general toiletry needs
- All required Medication (over the counter and prescribed)
- Telephone numbers of your doctors, family and friends, insurance company.
- Your cell phone & charger, and if needed a portable radio with earphones.
- Flashlight with new batteries (store batteries outside of device to avoid corrosion).
- Reading materials, glasses.
- Items for special dietary needs.
- Change of clothing

### What NOT to bring to the shelter:

- Stereo type radios.
- Toys (card or board games are ok).
- Furniture.
- Personal/valuable belongings. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items within the shelter.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Alcohol or illicit drugs.
- Large amounts of clothing for yourself - there is no storage on-site.

## Plan and Prepare

- Develop a disaster plan for your family that everyone knows and practice it each year.
- Prepare a READY KIT filled with essential items to bring with you to the shelter
- Have a plan for your children in the event they are at daycare and include other family members who may need assistance.
- Store a supply of non-perishable food items, water, medications and first aid supplies in your house that will last a minimum of 72 hours, to be used if you are unable to evacuate.
- If severe weather is forecasted, fill your car with fuel before the storm arrives.

## PETS

Pets are not allowed at our shelters. Make arrangements for your pets as part of your family's disaster plan.