

Hurricane Safety

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Calling for Help

- **Do not be afraid to call for help in an emergency or if you think you may be in trouble.**
- Charge up your cell phone battery in advance.
- Avoid non-emergency calls to police and fire departments.
- Call 211 for general information regarding the storm

Prevent fires, electrical shock and carbon monoxide poisoning when coping with this or any weather emergency.

- Use generators outdoors only away the house
- Use caution with cooking appliances
- Do not use a charcoal or propane grill, hibachi or camping stove inside the home.
- Carbon monoxide fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.

Remember Water and Electricity Do Not Mix!

- Watch for downed wires. All downed wires should be considered "live" & can severely injure you. Be sure to explain this to children.
- Do not venture into a flooded basement. Flood waters may be electrically charges or contain raw sewage

Give your smoke & Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms fresh batteries.

- Use flashlights and battery-operated candles if the power goes out. Open flame candles can cause fires
- Make sure your smoke & CO alarms have fresh batteries.

Natural Gas Safety

- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak (it smells like rotten eggs), leave the house immediately, leaving the door open. Call the fire department from your cell phone or a neighbor's house.

Have a Home Escape Plan

- Make and practice a home escape plan, with two ways out & an outside meeting place
- Teach your home's escape plan & meeting place to your family & guests. If you are visiting friends or relatives, ask about the escape plan & meeting place for their house.

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Bedford Police Non-Emergency (781) 275 – 1212

Bedford Fire Non-Emergency (781) 275 - 7240

Bedford DPW (781) 275 – 7605

www.bedfordma.gov

National Grid (Gas) – (800) 548-8000

N-Star (Electric) – (800) 592-2000

Bedford Emergency Radio Station - AM1640



Keeping citizens informed.

<https://cne.coderedweb.com/Default.aspx?groupid=opHZJtUu8NBNnOwjZ4F6tQ%3d%3d>

CodeRED is a telephone communication service that allows the Town to quickly notify citizens about emergency situations. All citizens and business are encouraged to register.

The Town of Bedford uses the CodeRED system to notify citizens about emergencies such as:

- Long Term Utility outages (*registering cell phones is important to receive this information*)
- Evacuation notice and route
- Major Chemical spill or gas leak
- Other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential

Sign-Up for Code Red at www.Bedfordma.gov

If The Power Goes Out:

- Stay clear of all fallen tree limbs and electrical wires as well as anything they are touching - such as puddles and metal fences. Assume all downed wires are "live" and stay away. Call NSTAR and local emergency personnel.
- Persons dependent on electrically powered life support systems should have a prearranged plan concerning power outage situations.
- Disconnect appliances that will go on automatically when the power is restored. These include refrigerators, stoves, furnaces and water heaters.
- Turn off appliances such as washers, dryers, computers and TV's. Once power is restored, turn appliances back on one at a time to avoid a power surge.
- Food in your refrigerator will keep for 6 to 9 hours, and food in your freezer will keep between 36 and 48 hours. It will help to minimize the number of times the door is opened.

- Use NSTAR's online "[Report an Outage](#)" tool or call NSTAR at 800-592-2000 to report your outage.

- Further info can be found at -
http://www.nstar.com/residential/storm_center/service_interruption.asp