

Emergency Preparedness for Charlotte Residents

A Resource Guide

Events beyond our control can happen. Below are some things we can do to be better prepared if we ever have to...

- Shelter in our residence for up to 3 days (72 hours) because of a severe storm, power outage or some other reason;
- Leave our residence because of some natural or other event making it unsafe to stay there.

1. Make an Emergency Plan

As you're thinking about getting prepared for emergencies, remember to make a plan.

- For ideas and inspiration go to: www.ready.gov/plan
- Individual/Family/Business Emergency Preparedness check list:
<https://vem.vermont.gov/preparedness/family>
<https://vem.vermont.gov/preparedness/kit>

And, don't forget to make sure you have a **three-day supply of water, food and other necessities** on hand. Some suggestions:

Water - 1 gallon/person/day

Food - fresh, canned, dry packaged

Emergency tools, eg. flashlights, cell phone battery pack/charger

Heating and cooking sources - ones that can be operated safely in or out of your home

Supply of essential medications along with a First Aid Kit

Pet food

Blankets, sleeping bags.

- For other supply ideas go to: <https://vem.vermont.gov/preparedness/kit>
<https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20210318/how-build-kit-emergencies>

2. Make Sure Your Residence/Business Address is Clearly Visible

Please install clearly visible, reflective, 3" numbers on your mailbox or other visible location. These can be ordered on-line or through the Charlotte Fire-Rescue at: www.CVFRS.com/e911-sign-posts

3. Sign Up for VT-Alert

Did you know you can now sign up to receive Town of Charlotte-specific emergency alerts?

If you already have an account with VT-Alert, simply add the Town of Charlotte to your VT-Alerts account.

If you're new to VT-Alert, signing up to receive emergency alerts is fast and easy. After signing up for an account, there are a number of choices you can make including what alerts you wish to receive and how to receive those alerts - text, voice, email. VT-Alert even allows you to "Add Quiet Time" for periods of the day or night when you don't wish to be notified. These "Quiet Times" are device specific so, for instance, you can silence your texts and phones but still receive alerts via email.

- **To add Charlotte to your account or to register:**
www.vem.vermont.gov/vtalert

4. If You Have a Need, Sign Up for CARES (Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies)

CARES was created to help the elderly and people with certain disabilities in emergency situations. CARES partners include the United Ways of Vermont, Vermont 211, Vermont 911, and Vermont Emergency Management. These agencies work together to provide a means for emergency responders to identify and aid CARE registrants in the event of a wide-scale emergency.

- **To register for CARES go to:** <https://e911.vermont.gov/care>

5. Don't Forget About 2-1-1

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. 2-1-1 is a referral service. If you have a need, the good folks at Vermont 2-1-1 will most likely be able to connect you with those who can help.

- On a home phone, call 2 1 1
- On a cell phone, text your zip code to 898211
- On a computer, connect via www.vermont211.org

6. To Report or Get Updates On a Power Outage:

- You can call (888) 835-4672
- Text: OUT to 46788
- Go to <https://greenmountainpower.com/outages/>

**FOR IMMEDIATE LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS ALWAYS CALL
911**