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## **UPDATE**

# **Mayor Advises Vernon Residents to Prepare for Blizzard Charlotte**

**(Vernon, CT)** - Mayor George F. Apel today urged Vernon residents to be proactive in preparing for Blizzard Charlotte, expected to bring **blizzard conditions** for most of the state, beginning tomorrow and lasting through Saturday afternoon.

*"Now is the time to prepare for a prolonged indoor stay, and to take necessary measures to prepare for the impact of Winter Storm Charlotte. This means keeping apprised of watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service and to be proactive in securing food, water, basic emergency supplies and personal medical supplies. Please be assured that the safety of our residents is our foremost concern. The Vernon Office of Emergency Management is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating the Town's response operations."*

*Additionally, with the potential for blizzard conditions, heavy snow and accumulations approaching two feet, town services will be effected in advance of and after Blizzard Charlotte. At this time, I wish to remind residents to:*

- Stay away from **DOWNED POWER LINES** and report emergencies and downed lines to 911.
- If you experience a **POWER OUTAGE**, call **Connecticut Light and Power at (800) 286-2000** to report it and do not assume outages have been reported.
- A town-wide **PARKING BAN** will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and will remain in effect for at least eight (8) hours after the snow has stopped. Vehicles parked in violation of the ban are subject to being ticketed and/or towed.
- **REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTION** is cancelled for Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The next scheduled refuse and recycling collection for Friday routes will be Friday, February 15, 2013. The Transfer Station located on Hockanum Boulevard will be closed the entire weekend (February 9 and 10). The facility will be open to accept excess refuse and recycling **ONLY** on Monday, February 11



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and Tuesday, February 12 from 8 am to 4 pm. This will not require a permit or punch card. The Transfer Station will be open as normal on Wednesday, February 13.

- For updates and additional information on **Preparing for a Major Winter Storm, Red Cross Shelter-in-Place Safety Tips** and **Winter Storm Safety Checklist** go to [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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